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CHAIRS OF LOCAL GENDER BIAS  
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### **2017 Meetings**

Dates of Meetings Held in 2017: In person Committee Meetings: 1/19/17, 3/2/17, 5/25/17, 9/7/17. Conference Call Meetings: 6/5, 7/5, 8/16, 11/13, 12/13  
Average attendance: In person meetings 12-18, Conference Calls 6-8  
Do you use Videoconferencing? No

### **2017 Special Events**

Activities for Women's History Awareness Month  
"Balancing the Scales of Justice: Why Diversity Matters."  
(Please see attached information)

Activities for Domestic Violence Awareness Month  
October 23, 2017, "Elder Abuse: The Mind, The Body, The Law"  
(Please see attached information)

#### **Other Special Events or Activities**

A) Under the direction of the Chair, the Committee produced a documentary on the pioneering women jurists in the Third JD. The documentary can be viewed at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PCXhJurIVc8>

B) A series of podcasts containing interviews of the pioneering women jurists was also produced.

C) A book containing the transcripts of the full interviews with the nine pioneering jurists was created.

D) Chair Kretser spoke about the connection between animal abuse and domestic violence at a CLE panel sponsored by the New York State animal protective foundation and the New York State District Attorneys Association.

How were your special events advertised or marketed?  
Email, Mail, Flyers, Podcasts, Twitter, OCA Website

Who and how many attended? Approximately 100 judges and lawyers attended the balancing the Scales program, and approximately 70 attended the elder abuse CLE.

Was there any press before or after? Yes

### **Future Plans**

Meetings dates for planned or projected for 2018: 1/11/18, 5/17/18

#### **Special Events & Educational Programs**

Women's History Month:

CLE Program 3/21/18 "Gender Equality in Alternative Dispute Resolution - If Not Now, When"

Women are grossly under-represented among the ranks of paid mediators and arbitrators statewide, and especially so in the Third Judicial District. Why? This CLE presented by the Third Judicial District Gender Fairness Committee will explore that question, reveal how the selection process really works and provide insight from experienced mediators/ arbitrators on how to break-in, fit-in and practice as a mediator/ arbitrator

### **Concerns**

What issues regarding women and gender in the courts do you think are important in 2018? The lack of judicial diversity is still an issue upstate. Our committee will continue to provide programs highlighting the importance of judicial diversity.

Do you see operational issues in your court or judicial district that adversely affect women or a subgroup of women? Child Care Centers

What topics would you like to see developed for Lunch & Learn Sessions from 1:00 – 2:00 in the courthouse?

1. The lack of women arbitrators and paid mediators
2. Inadequate funding for child care centers in the courts

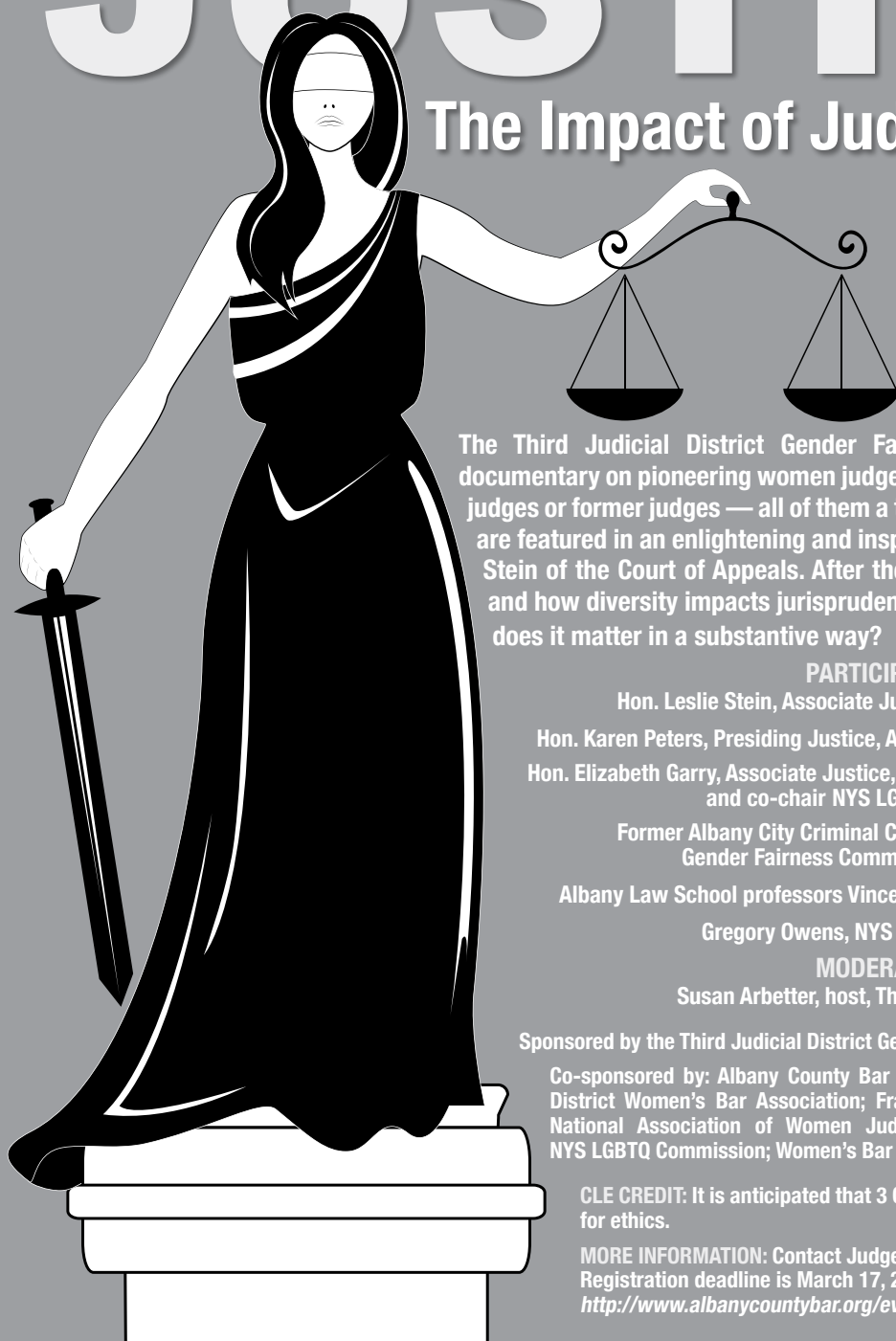
### **Collaboration**

Have you joined with groups outside the courts for programs or projects?

Bar Associations, Colleges, Domestic Violence Organizations

# BALANCING THE SCALES OF JUSTICE

## The Impact of Judicial Diversity



March 31, 2017, 1-4 p.m.  
(registration at 12:30 p.m.)

Albany County Office Building  
112 State Street

The Third Judicial District Gender Fairness Committee will launch a documentary on pioneering women judges in the seven-county district. Nine judges or former judges — all of them a trailblazer in one way or another — are featured in an enlightening and inspiring film narrated by Judge Leslie Stein of the Court of Appeals. After the viewing, panelists will discuss if and how diversity impacts jurisprudence. Is diversity merely symbolic, or does it matter in a substantive way?

### PARTICIPANTS

Hon. Leslie Stein, Associate Judge, NYS Court of Appeals;

Hon. Karen Peters, Presiding Justice, Appellate Division, Third Department;

Hon. Elizabeth Garry, Associate Justice, Appellate Division, Third Department  
and co-chair NYS LGBTQ Commission;

Former Albany City Criminal Court Judge and Chair of the  
Gender Fairness Committee Rachel Kretser;

Albany Law School professors Vincent Bonventre and Melissa Breger;

Gregory Owens, NYS Division for Youth.

### MODERATOR

Susan Arbetter, host, The Capitol Pressroom

Sponsored by the Third Judicial District Gender Fairness Committee.

Co-sponsored by: Albany County Bar Association; Albany Law School; Capital District Women's Bar Association; Franklin H. Williams Judicial Commission; National Association of Women Judges; New York State Bar Association; NYS LGBTQ Commission; Women's Bar Association of the State of New York.

CLE CREDIT: It is anticipated that 3 CLE credits will be awarded, including one for ethics.

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Registration deadline is March 17, 2017. No charge. Register online @  
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# ELDER ABUSE

## THE MIND • THE BODY • THE LAW

OCTOBER 23, 2017, 1-4 P.M. (registration at 12:30 p.m.)

New York State Bar Association, 1 Elk Street, Albany

The Third Judicial District Gender Fairness Committee presents a free continuing legal education program exploring the nuanced elements of elder abuse, including the physical/medical dimension, the mental/psychiatric factors and the legal and ethical complexities to identifying, prosecuting and preventing crimes which can take the form of physical abuse, emotional abuse and financial exploitation.

### PRESENTERS

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### MODERATOR

**Hon. Rachel Kretser**, *Albany City Court Judge (ret.)*

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### CO-SPONSORS

Third Judicial District; Office of the Statewide Coordinating Judge for Family Violence Cases; Third Judicial District Gender Fairness Committee; NYSBA Judicial and Elder Law Sections; Albany County Bar Association; Albany Law School; Capital District Black and Hispanic Bar; Capital District Women's Bar; The Legal Project; Equinox; Albany County Coalition against Domestic Violence.

**CLE CREDIT** *It is anticipated that 3 CLE credits will be awarded, including one for ethics.*

**REGISTER ONLINE @** <http://www.albanycountybar.org/events/EventDetails.aspx?id=1006510&group=>



FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COMMITTEE  
ON WOMEN IN THE COURTS

*Hon. Polly A. Hoyer, Chair*

*Tatiana Coffinger, Vice-Chair*

*Elena Jaffe Tastenson, Esq. Vice-Chair*



## **Fourth Judicial District Women in the Courts Committee**

Hon. Polly A. Hoyer, Chair

Members: Tatiana Coffinger, Court Attorney; Elena Jaffe Tastensen, private attorney

Counties served: Clinton, Essex, Franklin, Fulton, Hamilton, Montgomery, St. Lawrence, Saratoga, Schenectady, Warren & Washington

### **2017 Meetings**

Meeting Dates: No formal meetings held (communication by email)

Do you use Videoconferencing? No

### **2017 Special Events**

Activities for Women's History Awareness Month

Johnstown, NY, March 11, 2017: Women's Rights Rally (see attached news article & photo)

Activities for Domestic Violence Awareness Month

\*Johnstown, NY, Sept. 27, 2017: Documentary, "Equal Means Equal", sponsored by AAUW (see attached article); \*Saratoga Springs, NY, Sept. 30, 2017: 7th Annual Pooch Parade, to promote DV Awareness, sponsored by Wellspring; \*Saratoga County, Oct. 11, 2017: "Girlfriends Helping Girlfriends- A Girls Night Out Event, to benefit Wellspring; \*Northville, NY, October 15, 2017: Domestic Violence Awareness Walk, sponsored by SADD (see attached article); \*Johnstown, NY, Oct. 19, 2017: "Domestic Violence Awareness Proclamation, Ceremony, Walk & National Wear Purple Day", sponsored by Fulton Co. DA's Office (see article and flyer); \*Schenectady, NY, Oct. 19, 2017: "Take Back the Night" March, sponsored by YWCA (see attached flyer); \*Johnstown, NY, Oct. 25, 2017: DV Awareness Celebration Breakfast, sponsored by Fulton Co. Domestic Violence Program (see attached flyer); \*Johnstown, NY, Oct. 30, 2017: "Human Trafficking and Sexual Exploitation of Youth Awareness Conference" (see attached article); \*Ogdensburg, NY, Oct. 11, 2017: Annual Dinner with guest speaker and silent auction, sponsored by Renewal House (see attached newsletter article). \*St. Lawrence Co, NY, throughout Oct, 2017: "Purple Purse Campaign", raising funds to provide financial empowerment to DV victims, sponsored by Renewal House (see attached newsletter article).

Other Special Events or Activities

\*Gloversville, NY, Starting March, 2017: Safety Exchange Zone created outside police department, for child custody exchanges (see attached article); \*Fulton, Hamilton & Montgomery Counties, April, 2017: Essay Contest for High School students, sponsored by AAUW (see attached article); \*Blue Mountain Lake, NY, April 3, 2017: "Bridges Out of Poverty" workshop (see attached flyer); \*Johnstown, NY, April 6, 2017: Balloon Release in honor of National Crime Victims' Rights Week (see attached flyer); \*Montgomery Co, NY,

April 2017: Grant acceptance to raise awareness of sexual exploitation of minors (see attached news article); \*Johnstown, NY, May 1, 2017: "Moslem Women's Legal Rights" presentation, sponsored by Elizabeth Cady Stanton Hometown Assn (see attached article); \*Canajoharie, NY, June-Sept, 2017: "Portraits of NYS Suffragists" exhibition at the Arkell Museum; \*Canajoharie, NY, Aug. 12, 2017: "Songs of Suffrage" musical program, at Arkell Museum; \*Canajoharie, NY, Aug. 18, 2017: "The Burden of the Ballot", 1917 suffrage debate one act play, Arkell Museum; \*Johnstown, NY, Aug. 11, 2017: Womens' Suffrage Historical Marker Unveiling & Ceremony, (See attached articles); \*Lake Pleasant, NY, Oct. 27, 2017: Presentation on "Orders of Protection, Firearms and the Role of New York Courts", sponsored by OCA; \*Northville, NY, January 2018; "Before They Were Our Mothers", anthology of local historic women (see attached article); \*South Glens Falls, NY, Jan. 24, 2018: "Teen Dating and Signs of Abuse", program sponsored by Wellspring; \*Johnstown, NY, Jan. 29, 2018: Ribbon Cutting (See attached).

How were your special events advertised or marketed?  
Email and Flyer

Who and how many attended? Community members in various quantities

Was there any press before or after? Yes

### **Future Plans**

Meetings dates for planned or projected for 2018:

We will be meeting 1-2 times to try to plan a Fall 2018 event in our district.

Special Events & Educational Programs

Women's History Month, Domestic Violence Awareness Month, Sexual Trafficking and Exploitation Awareness. We hope to put on a program in Fall 2018 related to trafficking in rural areas where it is less likely to be discovered or understood.

What issues regarding women and gender in the courts do you think are important in 2018? Trafficking; Opioid Crisis; lack of supervised visitation facilities

Do you see operational issues in your court or judicial district that adversely affect women or a subgroup of women? Child Care Centers, Supervised Visitation

Do you see unmet training needs? Yes. Trafficking awareness; Understanding and working with litigants with gender identity issues or transformation.

What topics would you like to see developed for Lunch & Learn Sessions from 1:00 – 2:00 in the courthouse? None

Areas of success during 2017 for your committee and/or in general regarding gender bias and gender fairness in the courts: We continue to see more female judges, court officers and attorneys in our district, showing increased diversity.

### **Collaboration**

Have you joined with groups outside the courts for programs or projects?  
Bar Associations, Domestic Violence Organizations, Soroptimists, and other women's  
groups

# Local rally for women's rights held

By ERIC RETZLAFF

**The Leader-Herald**  
JOHNSTOWN — Thirteen people braved a cold and windy street corner here Saturday for a Women's History Month rally that was primarily a protest against President Donald Trump's policies.

Sponsored by Women Democrats, it was held at Market and Main streets across from suffragette Elizabeth Cady Stanton's birthplace, where Berkshire Bank stands, and included a later tour of the Stanton room at the Johnstown Historical Society.

Liz Russo, publicist for the event, said in a handout, "We as women can't sit back, we need to keep working for rights not just for women but all citizens — pay equity, health care, civil rights, Title IX protection [which bans discrimination on the basis on sex in federally funded educational programs] and our protection of our environment..."

"I'm here because I want the people of Johnstown to know that there are citizens of Johnstown who are concerned about the direction of the country politically," said Glenn Allen.

Allen, who carried a sign, "Soo not a paid protestor," said he is concerned about Trump's appointment of Scott Pruitt as head of the Environmental Protection Agency and Betsy DeVos to lead the Department of Education because they seem intent on destroying these agencies.

Some of the other signs read, "I stand with Planned Parenthood," "Universal Healthcare" and "Mothers against global warming or global warming against mothers."

"Repealing Obamacare is going to affect a lot of people around here," said Patty Locatelli.

"Who knows what we're going to end up with?"

She complained of "a lot of violence toward minority groups," such as Hispanics and Arab-Americans.

"They're being told they don't belong here by people on the street."

Locatelli said she claimed "verbal and physical attacks" against minorities that she said the American Civil Liberties Union and Hate Watch are tracking has been fomented by "hate speech by most of the people in the election" including Trump.

When she was asked for specific Trump hate statements, she said, "Do your homework," and then walked away.

Jessica Henry McClements contended that DeVos is "underqualified and doesn't care about the public school system," which Henry McClements said is underfunded.

"Public schools are fantastic when you invest in them," she said, adding that DeVos's advocacy for choice in education doesn't help Johnstown residents because private schools are not nearby.

Russo said the rally was de-



The Leader-Herald/Eric Retzlaff  
From left, Rose Marie Sheperd, Joe Sheperd, Jahnn Gibson and Liz Russo hold signs at the beginning of the rally.

signed to be open-ended to allow people to "support issues they feel most concerned about."

A science teacher, Russo said she is most concerned about the environment and believes "the EPA is going to disappear."

She said the area glove and rug manufacturing companies were "stinky and polluting industries" that damaged the quality of life.

Russo said it's her impression that for Trump "jobs are

more important than clean water." Even though states have environmental protection agencies, federal leadership and money is necessary for clean air and water, she said.

Contrary to these accusations, Trump contends that open borders allow criminals and Islamic terrorists to enter the country; the EPA has foisted intrusive and burdensome regulations on the public; Obama misinterpreted Title IX, so Trump is leaving the decision to states and school boards.

Trump also rescinded former President Barack Obama's guidance to school districts that allows transgender students to use the bathrooms and other facilities of their choice. Trump's view is that the federal government has no role in the issue and Obama misinterpreted Title IX, so Trump is leaving the decision to states and school boards.

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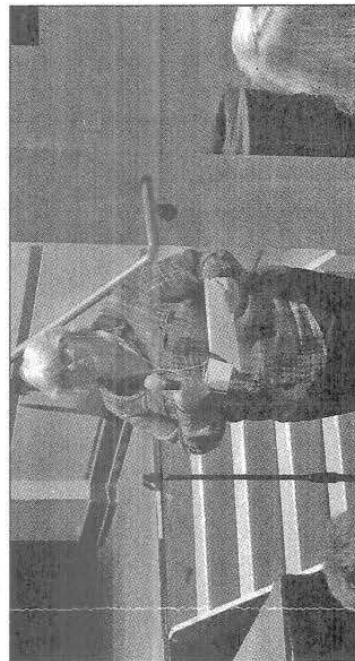
# AAUW spreads message with documentary: 'Equal Means Equal'

By **DUSTEN RADER**  
Express Editor

**JOHNSTOWN** — Members of the Amsterdam-Gloversville-Johnstown branch of the American Association of University Women met Wednesday, Sept. 27, to discuss a common misconception: 76 percent of Americans believe women already have equal rights.

The brick wall facing women today was tackled by film director Kamala Lopez in the documentary "Equal Means Equal," which AAUW screened during its meeting at F-MCC.

The documentary focused on nine major issues facing women today, including: Monney, international women's



Dusten Rader/Express Editor

**AAUW Vice President of Membership Jennifer Garren speaks Wednesday before the showing of the documentary "Equal Means Equal" at Fulton-Montgomery Community College.**

rights, female poverty, domestic violence, rape and sexual assault, pregnancy discrimination, reproductive health care, foster care and child sex trafficking, and female incarceration.

The documentary shed light on each of these topics, 1972, was never ratified by

individual states. A total of 38 states were needed, and only 36 to date have. The last to ratify was Nevada, which did so in March of this year.

The ERA proposes the following: Equality of rights, under the law, shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of sex.

AAUW Vice President of Membership Jennifer Garren said before the screening that more than 90 percent of Americans agree that women and men should have equal rights under the constitution.

"Kamala Lopez was asked to raised awareness about the lack of legal equality for women under the U.S. Constitution," Garren said. "AAUW

is committed to passage and ratification of the ERA."

## 50th anniversary

The AAUW branch is set to celebrate 50 years of locally fighting for equal rights for women with an event scheduled for Wednesday, Nov. 8, at 5:30 p.m. at the Paul Nigra Center for the Arts, Route 30 in Gloversville.

The event is set to include a walk down memory lane with a photos from the past, a speaker that is still set to be announced, and a buffet catered by Lanzi's on the Lake.

To reserve a seat, call Liz Russo at 518-762-9702 or email [eruso03@nycap.rr.com](mailto:eruso03@nycap.rr.com). Tickets are \$30 per person, and reservations are due by Nov. 2.

# Several events planned during Domestic Violence Awareness month

By MICHAEL ANICH  
The Leader-Herald

JOHNSTOWN — October will again be proclaimed Domestic Violence Awareness Month in Fulton County.

District Attorney Chad Brown outlined some of the city activities for the important designation with the Board of Supervisors' Public Safety Committee Monday at the County Office Building.

His office requested supervisors on Oct. 10 formally declare October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in the county.

"The Fulton County District Attorney's Office is dedicated to promote awareness and prevention of domestic violence, that it is a crime, and that there are many resources for victims to obtain help," Brown said.

Some activities are being coordinated by the Fulton County Domestic Violence Task Force. From Oct. 1 through Oct. 31,

the county's Tree of Hope outside the County Courthouse will be lit in purple for Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

Brown said Oct. 19 will also be National "Wear Purple Day."

On that day, Oct. 19, he said a ceremony will begin at the Tree of Hope. Brown said the event will include the reading of a proclamation, ceremony, and annual Domestic Violence Walk to honor victims and support survivors.

The walk will proceed down: West and East Main streets onto Route 30A to Briggs Street, and down to Briggs Street to HFM Services (corner of Briggs Street and Jansen Avenue), where participants will gather for some refreshments before concluding the event.

The district attorney said he recently conferred with the county Highways and Facilities Department about the Tree of Hope. Brown said it has gotten

tall since its planting. He said that for this year, however, county staff will be projecting purple light from stands to illuminate the tree.

"They worked on that for us," Brown said, acknowledging county staff.

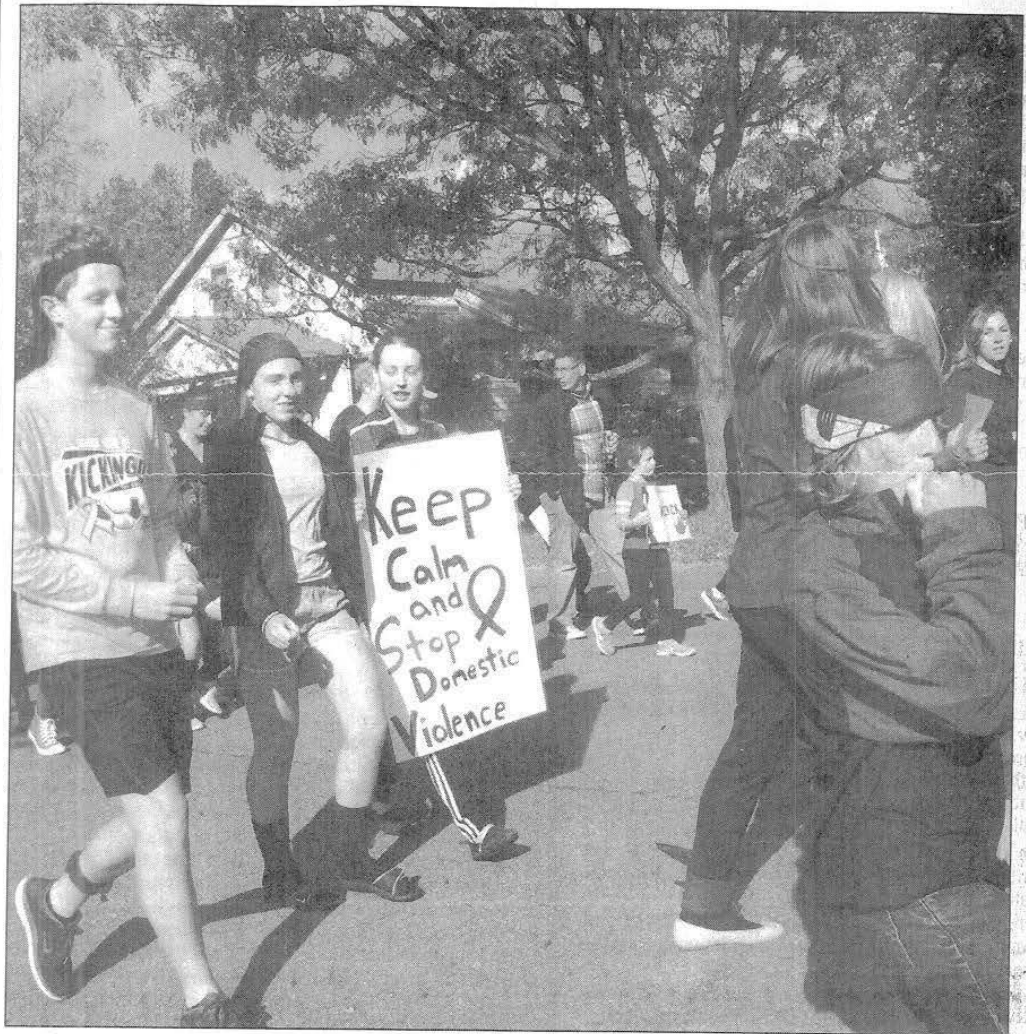
There will be no rain date for the Oct. 19 program. In case of bad weather, the public can call 518-736-5511.

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The Leader-Herald/Briana O'Hara

Students, parents and faculty of Northville Central School District take part in Students Against Destructive Decision's. SADD had its first annual domestic violence walk in Northville on Monday.

## Northville school district holds walk against DV

By BRIANA O'HARA  
The Leader-Herald

NORTHVILLE — Northville Central School District went purple for Domestic Violence awareness month.

Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) sponsored the first annual domestic violence walk on Monday.

There was also a coin drive set up with all proceeds supporting the victims of domestic violence.

Students, parents and faculty of Northville Central School District started their walk at 3 p.m. and made their way through Northville starting at the main entrance to the school. They then went down Third Street, past the

laundromat, up Main Street and back to the main entrance of the school.

Everyone participating in the walk was wearing purple and some were carrying signs.

Some of the signs said, "Keep calm and stop domestic violence," "Stop the violence," "Stop domestic violence" and "Hands are not for hitting."

At the end of the walk, faculty of the Northville Central School District gave brief statements on domestic violence, identifying the signs of it and ways someone can help.

Shannon Payne, the SADD advisor said signs of someone who is violent in the relationship include someone

who might discourage their partner from being with friends or family, making their partner feel guilty in the relationship no matter whose fault it is and preventing their partner from working so they know where they are at all times.

Payne said some ways people could help someone in a domestic violent relationship is to lend an ear, offer to help, be available to the person, reporting it and knowing what number to call like the domestic violence hotline, 1-800-799-7233, and always document any information about the domestic occurrences that could be useful.

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## week without violence

### **The 2017 Week Without Violence will take place October 16-20!**

The YWCA Week Without Violence is a signature initiative created by YWCA USA over 20 years ago to mobilize people in communities across the United States to take action against all forms of violence, wherever it occurs.

During the of Week Without Violence, we focus around different aspects of violence; this year we are **focusing on ending gender-based violence**. Gender-based violence recognizes a spectrum of violence, including but not limited to, intimate partner violence, sexual assault, trafficking, and harassment. At YWCA, we know that not all violence is acknowledged or responded to equally and that some victims go unrecognized altogether. We invite you to join us from October 16-20 as we share information, elevate stories, talk with policymakers, and get out the vote with a common goal in mind: together we can end gender-based violence.

One of the programs that will happen during the month of October, which is Domestic Violence Awareness Month, includes:

The **Take Back the Night** march will take place on **Thursday, October 19, 2017**. It will start and end at the front steps of the YWCA NorthEastern NY, 44 Washington Ave, Schenectady. We hope you will be able to march with us.

# DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS WALK & NATIONAL WEAR PURPLE DAY

**DATE: THURSDAY OCTOBER 19, 2017**

**TIME 3:30PM**

*October is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Please join the Fulton County Domestic Violence Task Force in raising awareness by participating in the National Wear Purple Day as well as our annual Domestic Violence Walk.*

*We will be meeting at 3:30pm by our "Tree of Hope" in front of the Fulton County Office Building where we will have a brief ceremony & some pictures by the local media & proceed on our walk down Main street, left onto the arterial and down Briggs Street to HFM Services (corner of Briggs & Jansen Ave) where we will gather for some refreshments before concluding the event.*

**THERE IS NO RAIN DATE SO PLEASE  
CALL THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S  
OFFICE THE DAY OF THE EVENT IN  
CASE OF BAD WEATHER!! 518-736-5511**



# Protecting the most vulnerable

## Seminar held at HFM on human trafficking

By ERIC RETZLAFF  
The Leader-Herald

JOHNSTOWN — Jasmine Grace Marino said she grew up never feeling "loved or accepted."

Her mom was mentally ill, her dad "was never around" because he was so busy working, and her older brother was sexually abused by a family member. Her paternal grandparents were the only ones who showed her love, she said.

It was this emotional vacuum and manipulation by men were what led her to be exploited as a youth and young adult by the sex industry, Marino told participants in a Human Trafficking and Sexual Exploitation of Youth Awareness Conference Monday at Hamilton-Fulton-Montgomery Board of Cooperative Educational Services.

Marino took vocational courses as a teen to become a cosmetologist and then went to a community college with the hope of going into journalism.

In middle school she got involved with drugs, drinking and boys.

"If I wasn't giving [sex], it was taken," she said, adding that she was raped before she was 14.

With pornography like a drug, young boys "expect to do with girls their age what they [see done] in pornography," she said.

At 18 she met and fell in love with a 21-year-old good-looking man who lavished attention and gifts on her — but it was only manipulation to groom her potentially for prostitution.

"I know of no little girl who dreams of becoming a prostitute," she said.

Marino went with her boyfriend to a college party where, it turned out, her best friend was stripping.

"My friend looks like she has it all together," she said.

Her boyfriend, who said he loved her, suggested she try one night of having sex with men. She accepted on the condition that it would be only one night, but it ended up becoming 10 a.m. to 1 a.m. two or three days in a row.

Marino found herself "horrificed, disgusted and ashamed," but when she wanted out, her boyfriend, who always carried a gun, turned to violence to make her "fall in line." When she got pregnant, he forced her to get an abortion.

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## Exploit

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After her brother died of AIDS as a male prostitute, she quietly saved enough money to move away and got into treatment for her opioid addiction. She credits going to a Christian church where "the women...loved me unconditionally" with helping her move on to a normal life.

Married now, with children, she said she still has trouble with intimacy with her husband.

"I don't love deeply," she said.

Marino kept a journal the whole time and has published it as "The Diary of Jasmine Grace" to help other women.

Representatives of four area organizations, that work to save girls and boys from the sex industry, told participants in the conference the importance of identifying troubled youths who are being exploited or are at risk for it. It requires careful questioning of youths to ferret out the truth, and the youths are sometimes wary of police, they said.

Unlike times past when pimps wore purple hats, furry coats and expensive jewelry, contemporary exploiters of youths "are expert at finding the right kids online or in person" and are "very patient" to win the youths' confidence and lure them into the sex indus-

try, said John Kelly, coordinator of Saratoga County Safe Harbour. Numerous websites are used to snare children, such as backpage.com.

"You'd be shocked that this is common everywhere," said Kelsey Steves, coordinator of Schenectady Safe Harbour. Her organization and Captain Youth and Family Service provide shelter and other social services for exploited or at-risk youths, such as runaways. Captain serves Fulton, Montgomery, Saratoga, Warren and Washington counties. Samantha Annas of Captain said this may sometimes include providing homeless youths with gift cards to help them get by while arranging other services.

Christopher Smith, an FBI undercover agent who couldn't be photographed for this story, said law enforcement "can't keep up with child pornography and online exploitation" involving girls, boys and transgender youths. He said he continually uses computer-generated fake children in sting operations to catch and arrest online predators. "I could do this 24/7," he said.

Among the questions the conference panel fielded was from the Rev. Hank McGrath, pastor of Heritage Ministry of New York in Gloversville, who asked why people in high places, such as politicians and judges, aren't being arrested when they prey upon youths while less important people are caught.

Smith responded that "you start at the bottom and work your way up."

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The participants listen to speakers on Monday at a Human Trafficking and Sexual Exploitation of Youth Awareness Conference at Hamilton-Fulton-Montgomery Board of Cooperative Educational Services in Johnstown.

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*Fulton County Domestic Violence Program  
would like to invite you, to honor  
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*Please join us for a celebration breakfast  
October 25, 2017*

*Hales Mills Country Club*

*8:00 am*

*Please rsvp to Darlene D'Onofrio at 518-725-4310  
ext149*



**Go Purple: Shine the Light on Domestic Violence!**

"Shine the Light on Domestic Violence" is a campaign that connects communities across New York by turning the State purple during October, Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

This is the tenth year of the campaign and it has grown every year! From skyscrapers to bridges and storefronts to shopping centers, purple lights illuminate the nights of October.

This year, the national **Wear Purple Day is October 19th.** You can wear purple any day during the month, or all month long! Please tell people why ending domestic violence is important to you. You could even turn it into a fundraiser for Renewal House. Please join us in any way you can. Tell us (Renewal House) what you're doing by posting on our Facebook page or send us an

email at [renewalhouse@verizon.net](mailto:renewalhouse@verizon.net). You could be helping to save a life. Don't fail to act!

**October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month** in New York State and across the nation.

Renewal House will have an information table during the month of October located at the Department of Social Services and the County Court House lobby.

**Annual Dinner—October 11th, with Silent Auction**

We invite the community to join us on **Wednesday, October 11th** at the Gran-View Restaurant in Ogdensburg for our annual recognition dinner.

Cocktails will begin at 5:30 p.m. with dinner served at 6:30 p.m.

Our program, **Celebrating 35 Years**, will immediately follow.

The cost is \$50 per plate and the entree choices are:

Prime Rib

Roasted Stuffed Boneless Breast of Chicken

Broiled Seafood Platter (shrimp, sea scallops and haddock)

Vegetarian (grilled confit portabella mushroom or a pasta dish)

Please let us know your dinner choice when you reserve your seat.

Guest speaker and honoree is: **Lynda Clements.**

It was over 35 years ago when Lynda Clements realized that the closing of the women's shelter in Canton would put St. Lawrence County women and children at risk, should there be no place to go to flee domestic violence. With the abrupt closing of the shelter, Lynda quickly mobilized others in her North Country community to begin the process of establishing a task force and soon a network of safe homes for victims. It is because of her foresight and dedication to the well being of those in her community that we have successfully established what is now a stable, safe space for all those needing supportive housing and services when they can no longer be safe in their own homes.

**Please RSVP by October 5th.**

If you are interested in **reserving a table of 8**, please call Ilene at 315-379-9845.

A **silent auction** will be taking place throughout the evening.

Also on display will be The Purple Purse designed by Serena Williams. This is a limited edition, solely for the 2017 Purple Purse Challenge, which will be available for auction. All proceeds from this item will be donated directly to the Renewal House Purple Purse Campaign, helping to empower victims of financial abuse.

If you would like to donate an item or items for the **silent auction**, please call Ilene or Shari.

All money collected will go directly to assisting victims of domestic violence and sexual assault in St. Lawrence County.

**2017 Fashion Show**

Join us for a fun night of Fashion with the young and young at heart sharing this year's colors and styles on October 26th from 6—8pm at the University Inn, Canton.

There will be many vendors showcasing their awesome products, a Chinese Auction and a 50/50 raffle.

Advance tickets are \$5 and \$7 at the door. Contact Crystal at

315-726-4190 or Lisa at 315-848-3108 for advance tickets.

This event is sponsored by Wendy's of Watertown/Massena.

Proceeds to benefit Renewal House.

**Adopt a Family during the Holiday Season—call Renewal House for details!**

### The Purple Purse Campaign

This October, the Allstate Foundation Purple Purse Challenge will give nonprofits the chance to raise significant funds to provide life-changing services for domestic violence survivors. Renewal House submitted an application and was selected to be a part of the 2017 Purple Purse Campaign.

#### Why Purple Purse?

The Allstate Foundation Purple Purse is aimed at creating long-term safety and security for survivors through financial empowerment. They have helped to make the invisible visible. Since 2005, Allstate Foundation Purple Purse has been working to bring financial abuse out of the shadows so victims can get the healing and support they deserve. The program ignites fundraising for hundreds of national, state and local domestic violence organizations. Funds raised will support life-changing financial empowerment services to help domestic violence survivors build safer lives for themselves and their families. Using their prolific knowledge of financial services and deep community reach, the Allstate Foundation has propelled more than 1 million victims on the path to safety and security. They have invested more than \$55 million to empower women to

break free from violence.

Domestic violence and financial abuse do not discriminate. They affect people of all races, gender, religions and income levels—including individuals in our own community. It is likely someone you know is affected. Don't let them become a silent statistic.

Domestic violence affects one in four women in their lifetime—that's more women than are affected by breast cancer, ovarian cancer and lung cancer combined. Most people think only of physical abuse when they consider domestic violence, yet financial abuse happens in 99% of all domestic violence cases. The number one reason domestic violence survivors stay or return to an abusive relationship is that they don't have the financial resources to break free. Physical abuse leaves bruises and scars. Financial abuse is an **Invisible Weapon** that traps victims in abusive relationships.

Financial abuse prevents victims from acquiring, using or maintaining financial resources. Financial abuse is just as effective in controlling a victim as is a lock and key. Abusers employ isolating tactics such as preventing their spouse or partner from working or accessing a bank, credit card or transportation. They may closely monitor or

restrict their partner's spending. Victims of financial abuse live a controlled life in which they have been purposely put in a position of dependence, making it hard for the victim to break free. In 99% of all domestic violence cases, financial abuse helps keep victims trapped in the abusive relationship.

The **2017 Purple Purse Campaign** is an online fundraiser throughout the whole month of October. Help Renewal House reach our goal of \$10,000 to support victims and survivors of financial abuse. Be sure to check out our Facebook page for updates and donation incentives.

If you would like to donate, please go to <https://www.crowdrise.com/st-lawrence-valley-renewal-house-for-victims-of-family-violence-purplepurse2017>, and click donate or scan the QR code below with your smartphone.



For more information, please contact Kat Manierre, counselor/advocate at 315-379-9845.

### Wish List

Personal care items—shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, toothbrush, soap, and deodorant

General supplies—cleaning products, laundry detergent, toilet paper, paper towels, tissues, light bulbs, batteries, trash bags, etc.

Bath and Kitchen towels, bedding (twin), pillows and crib bedding

Kitchen items

Non-perishable foods for pantry

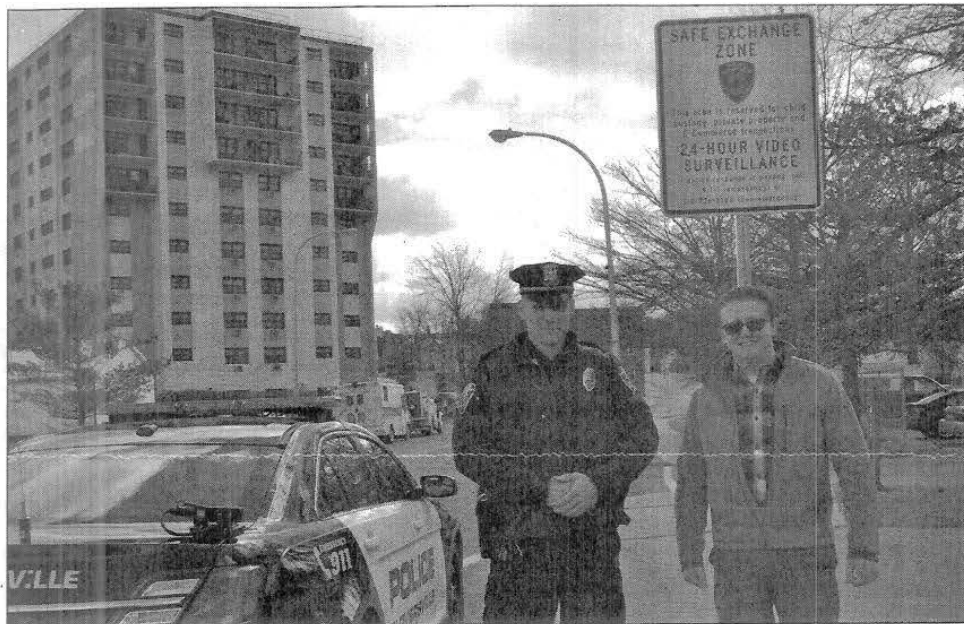
Adult and children's underwear (new), socks, sweatshirts,

sweatpants, pj's, etc.

Winter items such as hats, mittens, and boots

Gift certificates or gift cards for phone, gas, grocery stores, etc.

Disposable diapers and wipes



The Leader-Herald/Kerry Minor  
Groversville Police Officer Wayne Hulslander Jr., left, and Mayor Dayton King stand in front of the new Safe Exchange Zone sign in front of Groversville City Hall on Friday.

## Groversville unveils zone to make safe exchanges

By KERRY MINOR  
The Leader-Herald

GROVERSVILLE — City residents have a new spot to make child custody, private property, or E-commerce exchanges.

On Friday, City Police unveiled the new Safe Exchange Zone directly in front of the police department at 3 Frontage Road for use by the public.

According to the department, safety exchange zones are part of a nationwide response by law enforcement to deter criminal activity such as fraud, theft and robbery, as well as other unintended consequences of online deal-making.

"It's an attempt to improve the quality of life for local residents," the release states.

The city has seen one attempted robbery during an online exchange, when a Glens Falls man was attacked during what he believed was a vehicle exchange.

The victim was lured to a se-

cluded part of the city by Jason Insogna, who attempted to steal the \$1,000 cash the victim had brought. There was never a car for sale.

Off-duty Sgt. Michael Garavelli was driving by when he spotted the struggle and was able to stop the attempted robbery.

Garavelli was later honored with the department's Medal of Honor and was honored by the state with a Certificate of Exceptional Valor.

Police Chief Marc Porter called the Insogna case a "worst-case scenario" and said having a secure location with 24-hour security cameras might prevent future incidents.

"This safe zone might deter people from committing fraud," Porter said.

Police officers will typically not get involved or actively monitor the transactions.

The public can legally park and use the sidewalk and public area in

front of City Hall by the signage for transactions

Porter said in some instances, people will also be able to use the lobby of the department as well to make their exchanges.

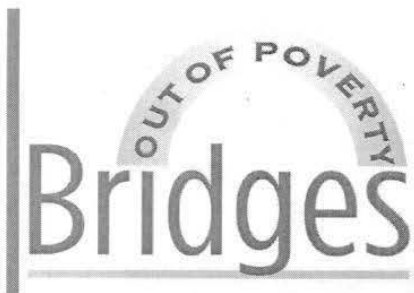
The sale or exchange of any firearms or illegal contraband is strictly forbidden at this location.

Porter said the signs were received in the fall, but the department wanted to wait until new security cameras were put up. He said by the time they were installed in November, the ground had started to freeze, so the department waited until the spring to install the sign.

The zone is directly in under a street light and the area is monitored by video cameras. The space is on the odd side of Frontage Road near the entrance to the police parking lot.

Kerry Minor can be reached at [kminor@leaderherald.com](mailto:kminor@leaderherald.com).

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## **Bridges out of Poverty**

### **One-day workshop April 3, 2017**

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**9:00 am to 3:30 pm training**

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**\*\*Space is limited\*\***  
**\*\*Lunch will be provided\*\***

# Awareness raised for sexually exploited minors

## Montgomery County to accept \$23K in aid

By JASON SUBIK  
The Leader-Herald

FONDA — In New York state, minors who are sexually exploited for commercial purposes are victims, not criminals, and Montgomery County has received grant funding to educate the public about that fact.

The Public Safety Committee of the Montgomery County Legislature has voted to approve receiving \$23,000 in funds from the New York state Office of Children and Family Services for 2017 for the purpose of raising awareness of human trafficking and the commercial sexual exploitation of children.



**Ossenfort**

"We're going to do some outreach and educational awareness on the topic of human trafficking for underage people. This is something I don't think people are aware happens, and it does happen around here," Montgomery County Executive Matt Ossenfort said.

In 2008, New York state passed the Safe Harbour for Exploited Children Act, which officially recognizes that minors who are commercially, sexually exploited are perpetrators of crimes, whereas before the act, in some cases, they might have been charged with various crimes.

The Safe Harbour N.Y. Program is aimed at preventing human trafficking, supporting child-serving professionals in identifying and providing services to survivors of human trafficking and commercial sexual exploitation and raising awareness by providing training and technical assistance, according to the resolution approved by the County Legislature's public safety committee.

"The state offers some grant funding that promotes awareness, but also, as you move into year two or three and beyond there are additional programs that you can look at. We've not committed to any of that. The first year is a \$23,000 grant to do some outreach. We might be hosting an event to try to raise awareness," Ossenfort said. "It's not a large amount of money, but I think it's an issue that certainly deserves some attention. What I was told, when I was pitched the project, is that there was a case in Herkimer County where there was a girl that was taken to California, and having this program in place really helped them manage this situation; and, ultimately, I believe, the girl was returned back home."

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## ECSHA Ushers in May with an Outstanding Presentation on Moslem Women's Rights

Attorney, professor and activist Nadia Shahram spoke about *Moslem Women's Legal Rights* to a packed crowd at this year's Annual Meeting of The Elizabeth Cady Stanton Hometown Association on May 1 at the FMCC Student Union.

Inspired in part by learning of Elizabeth Cady Stanton's 1848 *Declaration of Sentiments* and her own considerable knowledge of resistance to misogyny in her culture, Nadia created a *Declaration of Equalities for Moslem Women* to bring awareness and activism on behalf of her community.

Shahram has written the book *Marriage on the Street Corners of Tebrān*. *Publishers Weekly* says: "Shahram's gripping debut novel, about the Shia Muslim practice of temporary marriage (in which the duration and dowry are arranged in advance), is more powerful for being based on real-life experiences, working as an engross-

ing fictional story and an exposé of gender discrimination in Iran. At 12 years old, Ateesh is forced into an arranged marriage with an abusive man. When a brutal beating lands her in the hospital, her mother is determined to get her daughter a divorce, in spite of Ateesh's father's opposition because the family will lose face. ... The authentic, intimate story narrated by Ateesh pulls the reader in and encompasses not only her life but also that of other women, exposing a wide range of inequities between the genders in Iranian culture."

If you are interested in purchasing a copy of this book for \$18, contact Patsy Suydam at [pgsuydam@nycap.rr.com](mailto:pgsuydam@nycap.rr.com)

Born in Tehran, Iran, Shah-

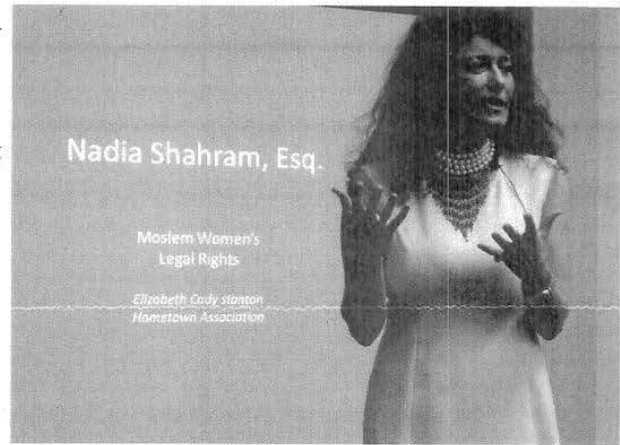
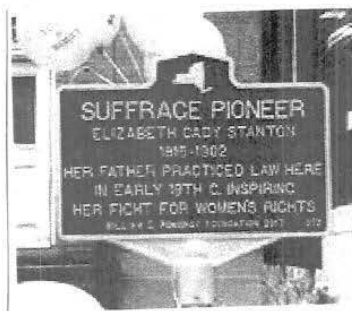


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ram planned to be the Iranian Barbara Walters. Due to the 1979 revolution, she moved to the United States where she received her B.S. in Business Administration, and her J.D. from the State University of New York at Buffalo. She is currently an Adjunct Professor in the Law School and an advocate for Moslem Women's rights.

The Elizabeth Cady Stanton Hometown Association with the financial support of the Foundation of FMCC made this talk possible.



## DEDICATION OF PLAQUE



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Pictured, from left, are Helen Martin, Johnstown city councilwoman and Elizabeth Cady Stanton Women's Consortium secretary; Dr. Melinda Grube, portraying Elizabeth Cady Stanton; and Coline Jenkins, great-great-granddaughter of Stanton. Grube will portray Stanton at a Friday state historical marker ceremony at 4 p.m. at the bandshell in the West Main Street Park. A plaque honoring the suffragist who was born in Johnstown will be unveiled by Martin. Martin applied for the Pomeroy Foundation grant for the plaque and chaired the committee for the dedication ceremony. The plaque will stand in front of the historic Fulton County Court House on the corner of West Main and North William streets where Judge Daniel Cady, Stanton's father, practiced law. Jenkins will also speak at the event. The will be presented by the consortium.

## Stanton plaque event Friday in Johnstown

**JOHNSTOWN** — As part of the dedication ceremony of the Elizabeth Cady Stanton memorial plaque, Melinda Grube, longtime interpreter of regional women's rights and suffrage history, will perform in costume as Elizabeth Cady Stanton and recite the Declaration of Sentiments in the Johnstown park band shell at 4 p.m. Friday.

She will also present a program on Elizabeth Cady Stanton, including the influence of Stanton's father and the suffragist's history with Johnstown.

The unveiling and dedication of the ECS commemorative plaque will follow.

The plaque will stand in front of the historic Fulton County Courthouse on the corner of South William and West Main streets, where Stanton's father, Judge Daniel Cady, practiced law.

The Elizabeth Cady Stanton Women's Consortium applied for and obtained a grant from the

William G. Pomeroy Foundation for the plaque commemorating Stanton, who was born in Johnstown.

Grants were available for markers to honor the anniversary of both New York state women's suffrage (1917) as well as national suffrage (1920).

At 5:30 p.m., the Durey Creek Band will perform in the band shell. The performance will include some suffrage-themed songs along with the group's regular bluegrass repertoire.

During the event, there will be opportunities for people to take selfies with a social-media filter created by #NY4Suffrage.

The event, presented by the Elizabeth Cady Stanton Women's Consortium, is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be available. Donations will be accepted. Those attending are asked to bring lawn chairs. In case of rain, the program will be held inside St. John's Episcopal Church.

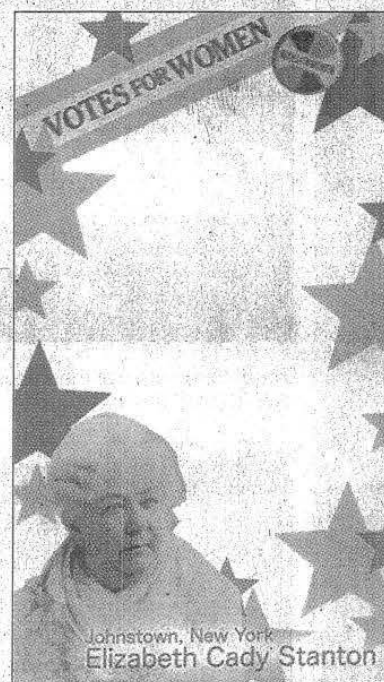


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Pictured is the social-media filter created by #NY4Suffrage. It will be available for taking selfies at the memorial plaque dedication Friday at the Johnstown band shell and Fulton County Courthouse.



August 13, 2017

## Women

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research focuses on the intersections of human rights activism and the dynamic religious, intellectual, and spiritual diversity of the "Burned Over District" of central and western New York in the 19th Century.

The ceremony group then went over for the unveiling on the West Main Street side of the courthouse.

The William G. Pomeroy Foundation Historic Roadside Marker Program provided for the historic marker dedicated Friday.

The purpose of the William G. Pomeroy Foundation Historic Roadside Marker Program is three-fold: to preserve a town or village's history; to promote historic tourism and economic development; and to provide cultural and economic benefits.

The foundation launched its Historic Marker Program in 2006 in a limited number of counties in Central New York. In 2012 the program was expanded to include all municipalities and 501C3

organizations in New York state as eligible grant recipients.

A representative of U.S. Rep. Elise Stefanik read remarks about Stanton.

Stanton was also the subject of remarks from U.S. Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand, who toured the Johnstown Historical Society and Museum Thursday.

"New York's history is so rich with leaders of the suffrage movement," the senator said. "All men and women are created equal. There's no doubt she's one of the greatest leaders in American history."

Gillibrand said it is now up to generations ahead to carry on Stanton's legacy, adding: "think it's especially meaningful now." She said women need equal pay and more opportunity.

She said women should be encouraged to engage in public service.

"We should learn from the suffragettes," she said. "Frankly, we are the suffragettes of this generation."

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Women dressed in period garb hold signs during a downtown Johnstown ceremony honoring Elizabeth Cady Stanton.

The Leader-Herald/Michael Anich

# Celebrating history and women's rights

By MICHAEL ANICH  
The Leader-Herald

JOHNSTOWN — Elizabeth Cady Stanton was the focus of attention in her hometown this past week, with a marker and ceremony in her honor, and a female U.S. senator singing her praises.

A New York state historical marker was unveiled outside the historic Fulton County Courthouse Friday in a ceremony honoring city native and American suffrage giant Stanton.

Prior to the unveiling, the women's rights leader was lauded during a ceremony at the downtown Charles Jenner Memorial Bandshell.

"This was Elizabeth's legacy," Johnstown 3rd Ward Councilwoman Helen Martin stated, after unveiling the marker.

The state marker reads: "Suffrage Pioneer Elizabeth Cady Stanton, 1815-1902. Her father practiced law here in early 19th Century, inspiring her fight for Women's Rights. William G. Pomeroy Foundation 2017."

The Elizabeth Cady Stanton Women's Consortium obtained a grant from the Pomeroy Foundation for the marker honor-

ing Stanton and her father, Judge Daniel Cady. The marker was made available in recognition of the anniversary of New York state Women's Suffrage in 1917.

The consortium conducted an unveiling ceremony at the courthouse, but not before a program at the Charles Jenner Bandshell that featured Martin as mistress of ceremonies.

"This is a very exciting afternoon for those of us with the consortium," Martin said.

Mayor Vern Jackson welcomed the gathering, while city historian Noel Levee provided a brief history of Johnstown during Stanton's life.

"Early Johnstown was made up of wooden-framed houses and businesses," he said.

Johnstown was a "bevy of activity" in 1814, just before Stanton's birth, Levee said.

Great-great-granddaughter of Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Coline Jenkins, said her famous relative spent 55 years of her life studying the effects of laws. By 1848, she said Stanton was studying women's property rights, marriages and divorces.

"You have a tremendous burden on your shoulders," Jenkins told city residents.

She urged that city residents learn about Stanton because the city will surely be in the spotlight in three years when the women's right to vote is celebrated.

Dr. Melinda Grube, interpreter of woman's suffrage history, did a reenactment of Stanton.

She gave a moving account of when Stanton was 11 and her brother died. Stanton's heartbroken father told her: "Oh my daughter, I wish you were a boy."

Grube depicted how Stanton tried the rest of her young life to prove she was the best among her peers in class and sport at the Johnstown Academy, but to no avail in her father's mind.

Stanton said her father saw her as inferior, but "I would have that not be my future."

A longtime interpreter of regional women's rights and suffrage history, Grube brought Elizabeth Cady Stanton to life as she reminisced about her childhood and girlhood in the Cady home and how these early memories shaped later years of activism.

Grube is an adjunct lecturer in history at Cayuga Community College in Auburn. Her

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DATE: October 11, 2017  
TO: Town and Village Justices and Court Clerks in Hamilton County, Law  
Enforcement agencies and IDV Stakeholders  
FROM: Hon. S. Peter Feldstein  
Hamilton County Judge and Family Court Judge  
SUBJECT: Integrated Domestic Violence Court (IDVC) Stakeholders' Training

You are invited to attend an important informational meeting concerning firearms and domestic violence on **Friday, October 27, 2017 at 10:00a.m.**

Guest Speaker, **Audrey E. Stone, Esq.**, Chief Counsel, Office of the Statewide Coordinating Judge for Family Violence Cases, will be presenting *Orders of Protection, Firearms and the Role of New York Courts*. Following Ms. Stone's presentation, we will also discuss best practices in Hamilton County.

I hope you can attend this informative training on **October 27, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.** at the Hamilton County Courthouse, 102 County View Drive, Lake Pleasant, New York.

CLE credit will be available.

Lunch will be provided.

Please R.S.V.P. by October 24, 2017 to Michelle DeShaw at 518-648-5411.

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## Anthology featuring local writers released

NORTHVILLE — A unique anthology featuring local female writers has been released.

According to a Sacandaga Valley Arts Network release, "Before They Were Our Mothers: Voices of Women Born Before Rosie Started Riveting" is a collection of 15 real-life stories about women before they were mothers, written as them in real-time by their current-day descendants.

Edited by Hadley resident, Patricia A. Nugent, the project was inspired by regrets, realized at her mother's funeral, that she knew so little about her mother's life before she was her mother, the release states. Her friends had similar experiences. Why does it surprise offspring that their mothers had lives before we came along, she wondered.

To help others avoid the same regret and to inspire families to share personal histories, she wrote a successful grant to Saratoga Arts for a Community Arts Grant from the NYS Council on the Arts, which kick-started the project.

According to the book's forward: "The Call for Submissions reaped a wide-range of stories about foremothers' victories and defeats, hopes and disappointments, connections and alienations. Stories of ordinary lives contending with war, racism, sexism, classism, disease, poverty, and degradation. Ordinary lives infused with determination and defiance, resilience and resistance."

In addition to deeply evocative first-person accounts, the book offers readers a personal glimpse of world events from the late 1800s to the mid-1900s.

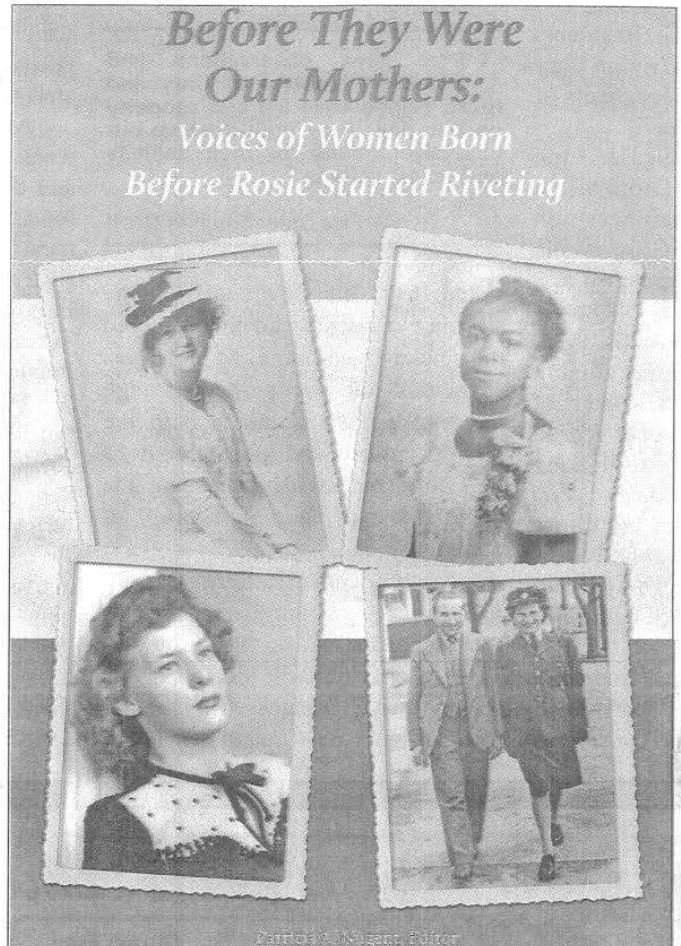


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The book cover of "Before They Were Our Mothers: Voices of Women Born Before Rosie Started Riveting."

Their stories take readers around the world, including several U.S. states.

Three writers from the Sacandaga area are included in the collection: Constance Dodge, Christy O'Callaghan, and Barbara Spaeth. They're eager to continue the project by sharing their foremothers' journeys, thereby encouraging others to do the same, the release states.

Nugent's ongoing vision is that this book will be a catalyst for storytelling and truth-telling within families, according to the release.

"Ask now, before it's too late," she stated in the release. "You won't be able to Google the story of Grandma's first heartbreak."

The book is available at the Adirondack Country Store and the SVAN Arts Center, both on Main Street in Northville. The formal launch will be held on Saturday, Jan. 20 from 2-4 p.m. at Saratoga Arts in Saratoga Springs.

For more information, email [B4TheyWereOurMothers@gmail.com](mailto:B4TheyWereOurMothers@gmail.com) or visit [www.journalartspress.com](http://www.journalartspress.com).

You're invited  
to join The Elizabeth Cady Stanton Hometown Association  
and **New York State Lieutenant Governor,**  
**Kathy Hochul,**  
as we cut the ribbon at our new location of The Sunflower Shoppe!



Monday, January 29  
3:00\*  
The Sunflower Shoppe, 26 W. Main St.  
Johnstown, NY

*Refreshments will follow.*  
*Please RSVP at [ECSHA1848@gmail.com](mailto:ECSHA1848@gmail.com)*  
*if you are able to join us!*

*\* Due to the Lt. Governor's busy schedule, the ribbon cutting may be a few minutes before or after 3 PM.*

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## Hochul to cut ribbon at Sunflower Shoppe

JOHNSTOWN — On Monday, Lt. Gov. Kathy Hochul, will cut the ribbon to officially open The Sunflower Shoppe's new location at 26 W. Main St. in Johnstown.

The Sunflower Shoppe is a community outreach project of The Elizabeth Cady Stanton Hometown Association.

"Women helping women with their career clothing needs" is the mission of The

Sunflower Shoppe, an all-volunteer operation.

The Sunflower Shoppe accepts gently used career clothing, as well as jeans, to assist women returning to the workforce from any circumstance with clothing for interviews, as well as launching their careers.

The Sunflower Shoppe is also the seasonal home of Elizabeth and Eileen's Prom Dress Closet. Another community

outreach project of the ECSHA, almost new prom dresses can be rented for \$30 or purchased or \$50. Elizabeth and Eileen's Closet is open February through May right at The Sunflower Shoppe.

In addition to having a new location, The Sunflower Shoppe also has new hours: Wednesday and Thursday from 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Saturdays, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

For more information, or to volunteer at The Sunflower Shoppe, call store manager, Sandy Fiesinger at (518) 736-1255.

The ribbon-cutting ceremony is open to the public, and refreshments will be served.

Those who are planning to attend, should email [ecsha1848@gmail.com](mailto:ecsha1848@gmail.com) to RSVP.

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FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COMMITTEE  
ON WOMEN IN THE COURTS

*Hon. Deborah Karalunas, Chair*



### **Fifth Judicial District Committee on Women in the Courts**

Hon. Deborah H. Karalunas, JSC, Chair

Members: Christine M. Barry, Esq. (Support Magistrate, Oneida County Family Court); Fran Ciardullo, Esq. (Private practitioner, Syracuse); Timothy J. Fennell, Esq. (Private practitioner, Oswego); Cindy Granger, Esq. (Private practitioner, North Syracuse); Bonnie Gail Levy, Esq. (Assistant Attorney General, Syracuse); Maureen Maney, Esq. (Private practitioner, Syracuse; Former President WBASNY); Hon. Michelle Pirro Bailey (Family Court Judge, Onondaga County); Sandra Sabourin, Esq. (Principal Law Clerk to Hon. Deborah H. Karalunas); Kurt R. Sherman, Esq. (Principal Law Clerk to Hon. Martha Walsh Hood); Hon. James C. Tormey (Administrative Judge, Fifth Judicial District); Lucia Whisenand, Esq. (Private practitioner, Syracuse)

Counties served: Onondaga, Oneida, Oswego, Jefferson, Herkimer, Lewis

#### **2017 Meetings**

Meeting Dates: January 2017 (2); February 2017 (2); March 2017 (2); April 2017 (4); May 2017 (4)

Average Attendance: 8

Do you use Videoconferencing? Yes

#### **2017 Special Events**

Special Events or Activities

Human Trafficking: A Call to Action (See attached program agenda. The full handout is available through Hon. Deborah Karalunas at [dkaralun@nycourts.gov](mailto:dkaralun@nycourts.gov))

How were your special events advertised or marketed?

Email; Mail; Flyer; Bar Association newsletter

Who and how many attended?

113 lawyers, judges and law students, as well as person associated with the various program sponsors

Was there any press before or after? Yes

#### **Future Plans**

Meetings dates planned or projected for 2018: None currently

Special Events & Educational Programs

Parity in pay and assignments; increase in the number and quality of court appearances by female attorneys; fair treatment of female victims of Human Trafficking. What issues regarding women and gender in the courts do you think are important in 2018? Gender equality and domestic violence

Do you see operational issues in your court or judicial district that adversely affect women or a subgroup of women? Supervised Visitation; Language access/interpreters

(availability, quality, or general usage of interpreters, both within and outside of the courtroom). We need to see additional options for supervised visitation and increased availability of interpreters.

Do you see unmet training needs? No

What topics would you like to see developed for Lunch & Learn Sessions from 1:00 – 2:00 in the courthouse? Courses for the Diversity, Inclusion and Elimination of Bias requirement.

Areas of success during 2017 for your committee and/or in general regarding gender bias and gender fairness in the courts: Together with a number of co-sponsors we educated the legal community about Human Trafficking including its local presence and impact.

### **Collaboration**

Have you joined with groups outside the courts for programs or projects?

Bar Associations; Colleges; Domestic violence organizations; Love 146; McMahon Ryan Child Advocacy Center; CNY Human Trafficking Task Force

# HUMAN TRAFFICKING:

## A CALL TO ACTION



### Free CLE Program

3.0 MCLE

(2.0 Professional Practice, 1.0 Ethics)

Thursday, May 11<sup>th</sup>

Noon – 3 p.m.

Light Refreshments

Syracuse University College of Law

Melanie Grey Ceremonial Courtroom

Free Parking

Register Online | <http://www.onbar.org/events-programs/>

### Panelists and Presenters

**Hon. James Tormey, III**  
*5th District Administrative Judge*

**Hon. Andra Ackerman**  
*Cohoes City Court Judge*

**Jeremy Cali, Esq.**  
*Senior ADA, Onondaga Co.*

**Heather Fischer**  
*Love 146*

**Hon. Deborah Karalunas**  
*Supreme Court Justice*

**Hon. Theodore Limpert**  
*Syracuse City Court Judge*

**Joanne Macri, Esq.**  
*NYS Office of Indigent  
Legal Services*

**CJ Boykin, Esq.**  
*Human Trafficking  
Prevention, DCJS*

**Hon. Julie Cecile**  
*Onondaga Co. Family Court Judge*

**Nora Cronin, Esq.**  
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**Hon. Toko Serita**  
*Acting Supreme Court Justice*

**Sarah Reckess, Esq.**  
*Center for Court Innovations*

**James Spero**  
*U.S. Immigration*

**Erin Yeager**  
*McMahon/Ryan*

### Panel Discussions: Human Trafficking Perspectives

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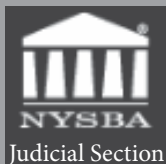
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• CNY Human Trafficking Task Force

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County Bar Associations: Onondaga, Oneida, Oswego, Herkimer, Jefferson, Lewis, Cortland, Madison

*Fifth Judicial District Women in the Courts Committee*

**HUMAN TRAFFICKING – A CALL TO ACTION**

**Syracuse University College of Law  
Dineen Hall  
Melanie Grey Ceremonial Courtroom**

**May 11, 2017  
12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

**Welcome (12:00 p.m. – 12:05 p.m.)**

Hon. Deborah H. Karalunas, Chair, Fifth Judicial District Women in the Courts Committee  
Hon. James C. Tormey, III., Administrative Judge, Fifth Judicial District

**Video (12:05 p.m. – 12:10 p.m.)**

**Overview of Human Trafficking (12:10 p.m. – 12:25 p.m.)**

Erin Yeager, McMahon/Ryan Child Advocacy Center

**Update on New York Law (12:25 p.m. – 12:40 p.m.)**

Hon. Andra Ackerman, Cohoes City Court Judge

**Human Trafficking from the Survivor Perspective (12:40 p.m. – 1:20 p.m.)**

Moderator:

Heather Fischer, Love 146

Panelists:

Nora Cronin, Esq., Coordinator Response to Human Trafficking, NYSOTDA  
Joanne Macri, Esq. Director of Regional Initiatives for NYS Office of Indigent Legal Services  
Erin Yeager, CSEC Program Coordinator, McMahon/Ryan Child Advocacy Center  
Colleen Merced, Associate Director, McMahon/Ryan Child Advocacy Center

**Break (1:20 p.m. – 1:25 p.m.)**

### **Human Trafficking from the Law Enforcement Perspective (1:25 p.m. – 2:05 p.m.)**

Moderator:

Hon. Deborah H. Karalunas, Chair, Fifth Judicial District Women in the Courts Committee

Panelists:

CJ Boykin, Esq. Director Human Trafficking Prevention w/DCJS  
James C. Spero, US Immigration & Custom Enforcement  
Captain Mark Lincoln, New York State Police  
Jeremy Cali, Esq., Onondaga County ADA

### **Human Trafficking from the Judicial Perspective (2:05 p.m. – 2:50 p.m.)**

Moderator:

Hon. Deborah H. Karalunas, Chair, Fifth Judicial District Women in the Courts Committee

Panelists:

Hon. Andra Ackerman, Cohoes City Court Judge  
Hon. Julie Cecile, Onondaga County Family Court Judge  
Hon. Theodore Limpert, Syracuse City Court Judge  
Hon. Toko Serita, Acting Supreme Court Justice, Queens County  
Sarah Reckess, Esq., Upstate Director, Center for Court Innovations

### **Closing Remarks (2:50 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.)**

Hon. Toko Serita, Acting Supreme Court Justice, Queens County

SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT GENDER FAIRNESS COMMITTEE

*Hon. Teresa Johnson, Chair*



## **Seventh Judicial District Gender Fairness Committee**

Hon. Teresa D. Johnson, Chair

Members: Please see attached list.

Counties served: Monroe, Ontario, Steuben, Cayuga, Livingston, Seneca, Wayne, Yates

### **2017 Meetings**

Meeting Dates: January 18, March 15, May 17, July 19, September 20, November 15

Average attendance: 8

Do you use Videoconferencing? Yes

### **2017 Special Events**

Activities for Women's History Awareness Month

Our members volunteered to speak at local schools to students on Women's History issues.

Activities for Domestic Violence Awareness Month

We presented a program: What's IPV Got to Do With It?: How Intimate Partner Violence Impacts Our Work and the People We Serve

Other Special Events or Activities

In February, we provided for training on LGBTQ issues for all Judges within Monroe County. This was a session closed to judges, where they could ask questions freely. The presentation was given by specialists at our Legal Services agency, one of whom is Transgender. It was very well received.

How were your special events advertised or marketed?

Email and Flyer

Who and how many attended?

We had about 40 attendees. They included attorneys who practice Criminal Law and Family Law, Court Security, Law Clerks, Judges and other court staff.

Was there any press before or after? No

### **Future Plans**

Meetings dates planned or projected for 2018:

January 17, February 28, March 14, May 16, July 18, September 12, November 14

Special Events & Educational Programs

Women's History Month, Domestic Violence Awareness Month

What issues regarding women and gender in the courts do you think are important in 2018? Sexual harassment is the biggest issue.

Do you see operational issues in your court or judicial district that adversely affect women or a subgroup of women?

Child Care Centers: Not every court location has a child care center. In Monroe County, the Center runs very well, but capacity often does not meet the need.

Do you see unmet training needs? No

What topics would you like to see developed for Lunch & Learn Sessions from 1:00 – 2:00 in the courthouse? Lunch and Learn programs are often impractical for staff that are already overwhelmed.

### **Collaboration**

Have you joined with groups outside the courts for programs or projects?

Bar Associations and Domestic Violence Organizations

**GENDER FAIRNESS COMMITTEE MEMBER ROSTER**

**Revised 1/18/18**

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## SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT GENDER FAIRNESS COMMITTEE

TERESA D. JOHNSON  
CHAIR & SUPERVISING JUDGE, ROCHESTER CITY COURT

### MEMO

To: Seventh Judicial District Educators

From: Hon. Teresa D. Johnson, Chair, Seventh Judicial District Gender Fairness Committee

Date: January 25, 2017

Re: March 2017 Outreach Project

The Seventh Judicial District Gender Fairness Committee is a regional committee of the New York State Committee on Women in the Courts. The Seventh Judicial District Gender Fairness Committee consists of court personnel and community members committed to promoting gender fairness in the courts within the eight counties of the District (Monroe, Cayuga, Livingston, Ontario, Seneca, Stueben, Wayne and Yates) and those they serve. This is accomplished, in part, through educational programs, training programs and through effective communication and open dialogue about gender fairness issues. We often present programs in connection with Domestic Violence Awareness Month (October) and Women's History Month (March).

Our Women's History Month project for March of 2017 is an outreach to schools within the Seventh Judicial District, providing speakers to talk to classrooms on a wide range of issues pertaining to gender fairness and our courts. If you are interested in having one of our committee members speak to a classroom, please make that request of the individual sharing this information with you. If that is not possible, you can submit a request to me by email at [tjohnson@nycourts.gov](mailto:tjohnson@nycourts.gov). Please include the name and address of the school, the grade level of the classroom for which you would like a speaker and a range of convenient times that the speaker could visit the class. We will do our best to provide a speaker for you, but cannot promise that we will be able to fulfill all requests. In order to properly consider all requests, the request for a speaker should be made as soon as possible, but not later than Friday, February 17, 2016.

Room 6, Hall of Justice, 99 Exchange Blvd., Rochester, New York 14614  
Ph: (585) 371-3406 Fax: (585) 371-3423

# LUNCH & LEARN

in Recognition of

## DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH:

*What's IPV got to do with it?:  
How Intimate Partner Violence Impacts our Work and  
The People We Serve*

**Facilitator:** Laurie Michelman, Esq., Associate Court Attorney, Auburn City Court

**Presenters:**

<b>Jaime Saunders:</b>	President & CEO of Willow Domestic Violence Ctr.
<b>Ellen Poleshuck, PhD:</b>	Director, HEAL Collaborative, Departments of Psychiatry and Ob Gyn, U of R Medical Center
<b>Mary A. Aufleger:</b>	7 <sup>th</sup> Judicial District Deputy District Executive

The 7<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Gender Fairness Committee, in recognition of October Domestic Violence Awareness Month, invites you to a Lunch and Learn where you will learn:

- **How** intimate partner violence impacts your work and how to identify and support clients who have experienced it
- **What** new services and initiatives are available including Remote Orders of Protection and Advocate Assisted Petition Drafting
- **Where** to receive information on the new HEAL Clinic, a one-stop-shop at UPMC for those that have suffered from trauma

Friday, October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017 12:15 to 2:00 p.m.

*Hall of Justice, Courtroom 303*

**\*\* Application for CLE accreditation of the program in New York is currently pending \*\***

**\*\* PIZZA WILL BE PROVIDED \*\*      \*\* RSVP by 10/18 to [lmclean@nycourts.gov](mailto:lmclean@nycourts.gov) \*\***

EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT GENDER  
AND RACIAL FAIRNESS COMMITTEE

*Hon. E. Jeannette Ogden, Chair*



## **Eighth Judicial District Gender and Racial Fairness Committee**

Hon. E. Jeannette Ogden, NYS Supreme Court Justice, Chair

Members: Please see attached list.

Counties Served: Allegany, Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Erie, Genesee, Niagara, Orleans, Wyoming

### **2017 Meetings**

Dates of Meetings: 2/16/17, 3/123/17, 4/21/17, 5/18/17, 6/22/17, 7/20/17, 9/20/17, 12/14/17

Average Attendance: 12

Do you use Video Conferencing? Yes

Would it be useful for members to meet through a video conference from their desktop computer? Yes

### **Activities for Women's History Month:**

The Committee honored Women Veterans in the 8<sup>th</sup> Judicial District, including a woman veteran legislator retired after 30 years in the US Army Reserves and Women Mentors who serve in the Buffalo Veterans Court on March 28, 2017. The women were presented with a certificate of appreciation at a luncheon where approximately 150 people were in attendance. The following are remarks from Committee Member/ Administrative Judge Paula Feroleto and a copy of the certificate is included.

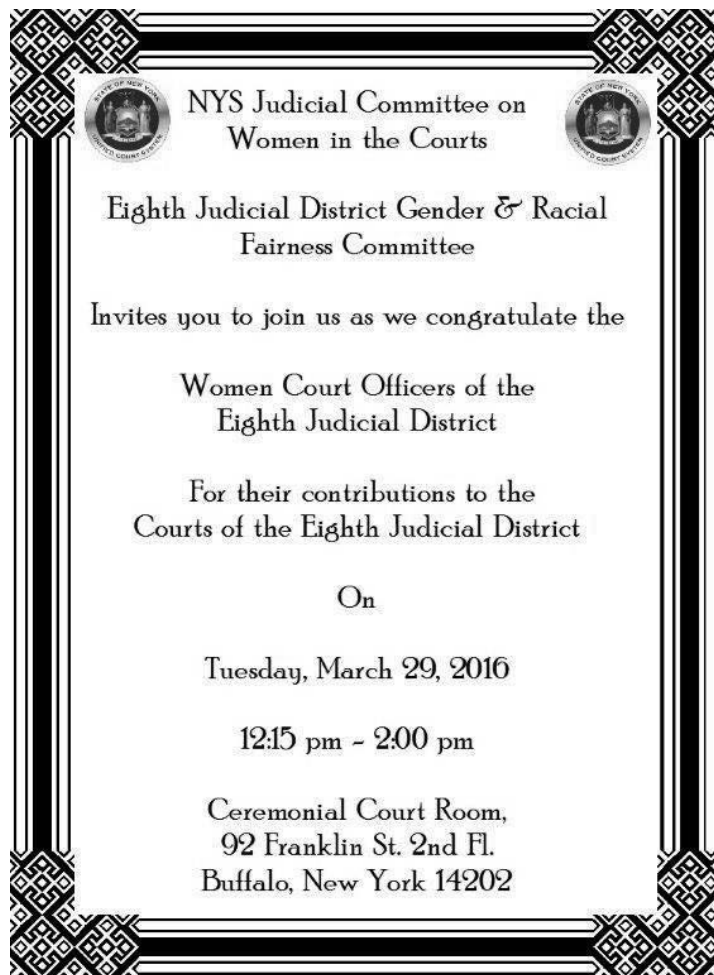
"This year's Women's History Month celebration coincides with the centennial of women's suffrage in New York. In 1917, three years before women were granted the right to vote nationwide, New York State offered women the opportunity to vote as a RIGHT and not merely a PRIVILEGE. It does however bear mentioning that New York was very much a Johnny-come-lately to the movement. Prior to the 19th amendment, 15 states granted women at least a partial right to vote. Eleven did so before New York - including Wyoming, Colorado, Utah Idaho, and most of the west and southwest. And women still couldn't vote for president in many states, including New York, until the 19th amendment was enacted in 1920.

Isn't it remarkable that Kate Stoneman, the first woman admitted to the bar in New York in 1886, (from Busti Ave. in Buffalo, NY- here in the 8<sup>th</sup> JD) could practice law, but could not vote? Isn't it remarkable that until 1933, when Cecil B. Weiner was elected to the Children's Court in Erie county, there were no other women judges in Erie county - in fact women were excluded from being able to sit as jurors until September 1937;

Today women account for nearly 38 percent of the New York State Judiciary, and women hold a majority of positions on the New York State Court of Appeals."

That road was paved by the efforts, sweat and tears of our foremothers; So today, let's salute and celebrate those who made this possible. Rather than focusing on mountains left to climb, paths that still need to be cleared or trails which remain littered with obstacles, let's show our gratitude for the likes of: Judges Ann Mikoll and Dolores Denman, the first two women appellate judges in New York; Judge Rose Sconiers, the first African American woman in the Fourth Dept.; recently followed by Judge Shirley

Troutman; Judge Penny Wolfgang; Judge Barbara Howe, the first woman surrogate in Erie County history; Judge Jacqueline Koshian from Niagara county; Judge Sharon Townsend, the first woman AJ here in the 8<sup>th</sup> JD; Maryann Saccomando Freedman, the first woman president of the Erie County Bar Association and the New York State Bar Association; Denise O'Donnell, the first woman U.S. attorney in the Western District.



**CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION**  
**is awarded to**

**In grateful recognition of your service to our country and our courts**

**Within the 8<sup>th</sup> Judicial District**

presented this 28<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2017

by the

**THE NEW YORK STATE JUDICIAL COMMITTEE ON  
WOMEN IN THE COURTS**

**8<sup>TH</sup> JUDICIAL DISTRICT GENDER & RACIAL FAIRNESS COMMITTEE**

**Hon. Paula L. Feroletto, JSC**  
**Administrative Judge, 8<sup>th</sup> JD**

**Hon. E. Jeannette Ogden, JSC**  
**Women in the Courts: 8<sup>th</sup> JD**  
**Racial Gender Fairness Committee**

**Activities for Domestic Violence Awareness Month 2017**

The Committee arranged the opportunity for all Judges and Court Employees to have an escorted tour of the Family Justice Center of Erie County during the week of October 23, 2017 during the lunch hour. The Family Justice Center of Erie County provides free services for domestic violence victims and their children through an extensive collaboration with several partner agencies, all located at one secure, comfortable location, where victims can get all the services they need to safely escape abuse.

The Committee also held a Lunch & Learn Program entitled "We Speak Your Language" in which the practical, policy and operational aspects of Court Interpreting Services offered to Court users and the issues of Orders of Protection in different language were addressed. The flyer is attached.

**Other Special Events or Activities**

The Committee held its bi-annual Women in the Law Luncheon on June 28, 2017. Eleven (11) women who, through determination and personal achievement, are shining examples of Lady Justice were honored. Approximately 200 people were in attendance at the luncheon which was promoted on local television stations and newspapers.



The Committee collaborated with the 8<sup>th</sup> JD Diversity Committee to present a program entitled “The Crisis in Black Education on February 23, 2017 for Black History Month. NYS Board of Regents member, Dr. Catherine Collins, was the guest speaker. The program was well attended.

Committee member Andrew Isenberg made a presentation on careers in the courts to approximately 70 students from six (6) Buffalo Public High Schools during the 2017 Law Day Program on the 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment. Justice Ogden served as a judge for the teams of students who debated the topics of school segregation based on the holding of the US Supreme Court case of Plessy v Ferguson and the pros and cons of Government censorship of the internet.

The Committee members attended the ribbon cutting dedication ceremony for the opening of the Children’s Center on June 7, 2017. The Center serves the children of litigants in the City Court building and was dedicated in honor of Sharon Thomas, former Co-Chair of the Women in the Courts: 8<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Gender and Racial Fairness Committee and Chief Clerk of the Buffalo City Court who passed away in 2016.

The Committee partnered with the Emmy Dash Family Fund of Buffalo, New York to present \$250.00 for the purchase of multicultural dolls for the Children’s center. A plaque in the Center reads:

*“The Emmy Dash Family Fund of Buffalo, New York is pleased to partner with the Eighth Judicial District’s Gender and Racial Fairness, Women in the Courts Committee to present these funds to the Sharon A. Thomas Children’s Center here at Buffalo City Court. The Emmy Dash Family Fund makes this donation in honor of James Gregory Smith. Mr. Smith was a stock trader working at Cantor Fitzgerald in the North Tower of the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001. He did not make it out. Mr. Smith was 43 years of age. We understand that the funds will be used by the Center to purchase a set of culturally diverse dolls for the children. On Mr. Smith’s gravestone, his family had inscribed: “Let There Be Peace on Earth.” May the purchase of these dolls be a step in that direction.”*

See photos below.



The Committee partnered with the Richard Failla LGBTQ Committee to sponsor the 2017 Gay Pride Programs held in Genesee County (Batavia) on June 15, 2017 and Buffalo on June 16, 2017. Both programs were very successful and well attended. The Richard J. Failla LGBTQ Commission co-sponsored the programs and covered the cost of the lunches. Justice Feroletto gave opening remarks on behalf of the District and the Committee, Judge Ogden gave remarks on behalf of the Committee at the Batavia Program, Marc Levine, (Executive Director of the Commission) gave remarks on behalf of the Commission and Ron Pawlzak gave remarks on behalf of the 7<sup>th</sup> JD Gay-Straight Alliance. Justice Edwina Mendelson, newly appointed Deputy Chief Administrative Judge for Justice Initiatives, attended both programs. Margaret Canby, Esq. and Brook Barone discussed the decision in the case of Brook S.B. v Elizabeth C.C. An unidentified attorney voluntarily contributed to the programs and a moment of silence was held for Judge Sheila Abdus Salaam, author of the Court of Appeals Decision in the Brook B. case.

**The NYS Judicial Commission on Women in the Courts  
8th Judicial District, Gender & Racial Fairness Committee  
and  
The Richard C. Failla LGBTQ Commission of the NYS Courts**  
invite you to

## **LUNCH & LEARN**

*In recognition of Gay Pride Month 2017*

Learn about  
**THE RICHARD C. FAILA LGBTQ COMMISSION**  
from the  
**Executive Director, Marc Levine**

and  
the landmark decision of the NY Court of Appeals in the case of

***Brooke S. B. v Elizabeth C.C.***

that determined the rights of non-biological & same sex parents in custody cases

from  
**Brooke Barone**, Plaintiff & **Margaret Canby, Esq.**, *Plaintiff's Attorney  
& Commissioner on the Richard C. Failla LGBTQ Commission*

**Friday, June 16, 2017**

12:00 – 1:00 PM

Genesee County Supreme and County Court  
1 West Main Street, Batavia Jury Selection Room

***Light Lunch will be served.***

RSVP to [mlevine@nycourts.gov](mailto:mlevine@nycourts.gov) by June 9, 2017



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***Margaret Canby, Esq.***, Commissioner, Richard C. Failla LGBTQ  
Commission

**Thursday, June 15, 2017**

**12:15 p.m. – 1:30 pm**

Erie County Surrogate Courtroom - 2nd Floor  
92 Franklin Street, Buffalo, New York

**Light Lunch will be served**

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Passage of the English Proficiency exam is the first step that an applicant must take to be listed on the Registry of per diem Court interpreters. Training was offered for exam candidates via a cooperative program between the Buffalo Public Schools and the International Institute of Buffalo. There is a need for full time Spanish interpreters, as well as Somali, Karen, Arabic, Swahili and Burmese interpreters. A presentation about court interpreters was made by Ana Brignoni-Walczak, Committee member and interpreter in charge of court interpreting services for Western New York. She discussed the selection and required training as well as the pros and cons of call in interpreting services. The Committee also used its relationships with community agencies to disseminate awareness of the exam which will be held in January, 2018.

### **Activities for Hispanic Heritage Month 2016:**

The Committee acknowledged Hispanic Heritage Month with an article in the "Docket" featuring Committee member – Judge Betty Calvo Torres, the only Hispanic judge in the Eighth Judicial District.

A list of service providers was updated and electronically disseminated to all employees throughout the 8<sup>th</sup> judicial district.

Committee members participated in the Buffalo City Court Ethnic luncheon where Court personnel prepared various ethnic dishes and shared their cultural significance with the approximate 75 people in attendance. This was our way of celebrating our diversity and sharing our cultural backgrounds.

In December, 2016, the Committee again joined the NYS Association of Women Judges in the collection and contribution toiletries for women in prison during the Christmas season. We were also able to secure and distribute tooth brushes & tooth paste to the women inmates for use in re-entry bags. Approximately 15 people participated in this endeavor.

Finally, the Committee was able to have signs placed on all single stall bathrooms in the Buffalo City Court designating that they are for handicap and gender neutral use.

How were your special events advertised or marketed? E-mail, flyers, media press releases, internet.

Who and how many attended? See other special events or activities above.

Was there any press before or after? There was press coverage for all of the programs and events.

### **Future Plans**

We will continue to examine access to justice and equality issues faced by women, minorities, immigrants, adolescents, members of the LGBTQ community, and women veterans. We plan to have a program on mental illness and its impact on members of the LGBTQ Community and to host a presentation showing the films "A Girl in the River: The Price of Forgiveness" and "Justice is a Black Woman", the life of Justice Constance Baker Motely at Lunch and Learn Programs and invite area high school students.

We also plan to feature a section in the “Docket” (the district electronic newsletter) entitled “Did you know” and include tips which could include contact information for employee complaints as well as other information deemed relevant to the Committee’s mission.

Meetings dates planned or projected for 2018: Meet at least 6 times during the year.

### **Concerns**

What issues regarding women and gender in the courts do you think are important in 2018?

- Adverse impact of mental health on litigants generally and women in particular.
- Greater inclusion of minorities and women in decision making positions.
- Restoring faith in the legal system generally, particularly in the criminal justice system.
- Affording opportunities for civil legal services for indigent women and minorities.
- Ensuring human treatment of juveniles accused of offenses. We would like to see the discontinuation of the use of shackles and hand cuffs on juvenile delinquents and juvenile offenders under the age of 10 years old.

Do you see operational issues in your court or judicial district that adversely affect women or a subgroup of women? Yes. We see the lack of child care centers and supervised visitation areas as issues that adversely affect women interacting with the court system.

Do you see unmet training needs? We realize that existing training program requirements may not be met due to a shortage of resources.

What topics would you like to see developed for Lunch & Learn sessions from 1:00-2:00 in the courthouse?

- Programs addressing appropriate interactions with women suffering from a mental disease or disability and members of the LBGTQ community suffering from mental illness and opioid use.
- Human Trafficking.
- Programs addressing implicit bias and its impact on litigants within the legal system generally and the court system in particular.
- Programs addressing adolescent females caught in the school to prison pipeline and how perceptions of stakeholders in the juvenile and criminal justice system can be changed.
- Training in the area of cultural competence for court staff.
- Collaboration with groups and organizations involved in the foregoing in order not to reinvent the wheel.

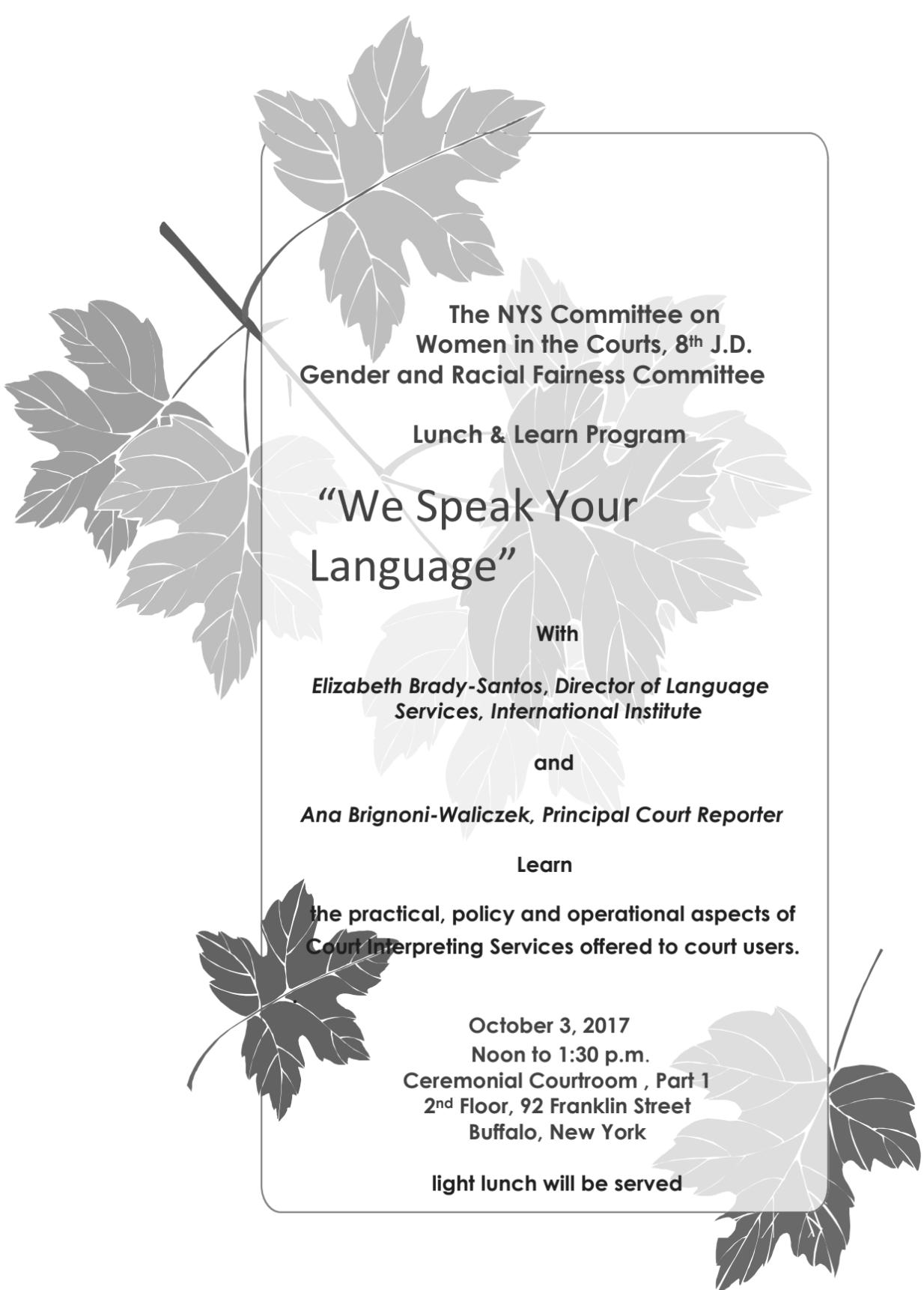
## **Collaboration**

Have you joined with groups outside the courts for programs and projects?

Bar Association of Erie County  
Minority Bar Association of Western New York  
Cattaraugus Bar Association  
Women Lawyers of Western NY  
Women's Bar Association of WNY  
State University of New York at Buffalo Law School  
NYS Association of Women Judges  
International Institute  
State University of New York at Buffalo Educational Opportunity Center  
Puerto Rican and Hispanic Day Parade Committee of WNY  
Richard C. Failla LGBTQ Commission

**8<sup>TH</sup> JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
GENDER & RACIAL FAIRNESS COMMITTEE**

Hon. E. Jeannette Ogden, Chairperson	Justice - New York State Supreme Court
Hon. Paula Feroletto	Administrative Judge of 8 <sup>th</sup> JD
Mona Baskin, Esq.	Senior Court Attorney Erie County Surrogate Court
Angie Davis-Leverette	Court Officer
Hon. Rosalie Bailey	Judge (Ret.)
Hon. Betty Calvo-Torres	Judge - Buffalo City Court
Paula DaBella	Chief Clerk - Batavia City Court
Jacqueline DiAngelo	Chief Clerk - Wyoming County
Hon. Sheila DiTullio	Judge - Erie County Court Supervision Judge of County Ct 8JD
Shekuira Feaster	Court Analyst Buffalo Housing Court
Grace Hanlon, Esq.	Confidential Law Clerk Chautauqua County/ Judge Foley
Mary Louise Hayden, Esq.	Law Clerk - Supreme Court
Brenda Heath, Esq.	Orleans County Multi-Bench
Maureen Hourihan	Niagara Falls City Court
Andrew Isenberg	District Executive of 8 <sup>th</sup> JD
Anna Jochum	Court Interpreter Chautauqua County Family
Tracy Kassman	Court Attorney Referee Erie & Niagara County Family
Kimberly LoCurto	Court Clerk Niagara County - Supreme Court
Danielle Maichle, Esq	Senior Staff Attorney
Cynthia Milhouse	Erie County Family Court
Tasha Moore	Sr. Management Analyst Personnel
Hon. Robert Russell Jr.	Judge - Buffalo City Court
Sheila Weir Schwanekamp, Esq.	Court Attorney Referee
Lydia Soto	Secretary to Buffalo City Court Judges Carney
Lori Shurilla	Principal Office Assistance Cattaraugus/Family Courts
Colleen Wagner	Chief Clerk - Lockport City Court
Erika Webb	Chief Clerk - Buffalo City Court
Sharon Wasielewski	Court Analyst
Oliver Young, Esq.	Principal Court Attorney Supreme /County Courts



**The NYS Committee on  
Women in the Courts, 8<sup>th</sup> J.D.  
Gender and Racial Fairness Committee**

**Lunch & Learn Program**

**“We Speak Your  
Language”**

**With**

***Elizabeth Brady-Santos, Director of Language  
Services, International Institute***

**and**

***Ana Brignoni-Waliczek, Principal Court Reporter***

**Learn**

**the practical, policy and operational aspects of  
Court Interpreting Services offered to court users.**

**October 3, 2017  
Noon to 1:30 p.m.  
Ceremonial Courtroom , Part 1  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, 92 Franklin Street  
Buffalo, New York**

**light lunch will be served**

*Did you know the NYS Courts provide interpreting services for court users with limited English proficiency, regardless of their level of ability to speak English, at no expense to the person?*

The NYS Committee on Women in the Courts  
8<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Gender and Racial Fairness Committee

invites you to a

Lunch & Learn Program

entitled

“We speak your language”

Learn

about the practical, policy and operational aspects of Court Interpreting services offered to court users to improve the delivery of language services and provide access to justice.

From

Emily Brady-Santos

Director of Language Services. International Institute

and

Ana Brignoni-Waliczek, Principal Court Interpreter

on

Tuesday, September 26, 2017

Noon – 1:30 pm

Erie County Surrogate Court, 92 Franklin Street, 2nd Floor, Buffalo, NY 14202

Light Lunch will be Served.

**IN RECOGNITION OF OCTOBER  
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH  
the 8<sup>TH</sup> JUDICIAL DISTRICT GENDER AND RACIAL  
FAIRNESS COMMITTEE,  
chaired by HON. E. JEANNETTE OGDEN,  
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***The Family Justice Center of Erie County provides free services for domestic violence victims and their children through an extensive collaboration with several partner agencies, all located at one secured, comfortable location, where victims can get all the services they need to safely escape abuse.***

***Family Justice Center of E.C. Executive Director Mary Murphy or Director of Operations, Tiffany Szymanek-Pavone will be conducting the tours.***

**If you are interested in a tour, please email Erie County IDV Resource Coordinator Colleen Gibbons at [cgibbons@nycourts.gov](mailto:cgibbons@nycourts.gov) or Court Social Worker Sarah Lane Koessler at [skoessle@nycourts.gov](mailto:skoessle@nycourts.gov) on or before October 16<sup>th</sup> to advise of the day during the week of October 23<sup>rd</sup> and time you are available for a tour.**

**They will coordinate with the Family Justice Center and will confirm the date and time of your tour with you.**

## February is Black History Month



A kickoff to the month-long celebration of black history month was held in the Erie Supreme Ceremonial Courtroom



Diversity Steering Committee members with guest speaker Catherine Collins, NYS Board of Regents member.



NY State Supreme Court Judge E. Jeannette Ogden and Executive Assistant for the Appellate Division 4th Department Lenora B. Foote-Beavers were among the speakers for the celebration.



## Promoting Diversity In The New York State Courts With The LGBTQ Commission



Executive Director of the LGBTQ Judicial Commission Marc Levine staged a meet and greet event on February 27 in the Ceremonial Courtroom. Court personnel, attorneys and LGBTQ organizations gathered to learn about the work the commission does and could express issues of concern relevant to its mission.

## Women's History Month Celebrates Women Veterans Who Work In The Court System



Left to right- C.O. Bonnie Justinger, C.O. Cynthia Flatteau, Chief Domiano Basile, C.O. Gwen Richardson and C.O. Stacy Flick



Tasha E. Moore and  
Judge E. Jeannette Ogden



Lynn Wannemacher and  
Judge E. Jeannette Ogden



Judge Paula Feroletto and  
Suzanne Janowski

The Gender and Racial Fairness Committee sponsored an event on March 28th for Woman's History Month where women veterans who work in the courts were honored and recognized for their military service. After a ceremony of presenting our nations colors by the Court Officers Honor Guard and the singing of the national anthem, certificates of recognition were handed out to thank them for their service and dedication to our country.



8th JD Administrative Judge  
Paula L. Feroletto and the  
Buffalo Veteran's  
Court Mentors



Legislator Barbara Miller Williams and  
Buffalo City Court judge Betty Calvo-Torres

Judge E. Jeannette Ogden and  
Program Coordinator Angie Davis Leverette



Niagara County Court Judge Sara  
Sheldon and Niagara County  
Veterans Court Mentors



## Thank You For Your Service



Buffalo Veteran's Court  
Judge Robert Russell



Vietnam Veterans Jack O'Connor and  
Judge Eugene F. Piggott pay tribute



Lt. Glenn Nennoff leads the  
Court Officer Color Guard



## INTERPRETER SERVICES

DAS provides qualified sign language interpreters to meet the needs of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing in a variety of settings. Interpreter services are often mandated by Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and are crucial in facilitating communication between Deaf and Hearing individuals. The following are common areas for which we provide communication services:

- Conference / Conventions
- Business Meetings
- Employment
- Education
- Medical / Mental Health Care
- Vocational Training
- Legal Services
- Social Services
- Religious
- Entertainment / Plays
- Tours

Interpreter qualifications are evaluated in adherence to the Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf (RID). Code of Professional Conduct is required.

DAS conducts assessments for anyone interested in working as an independent contract interpreter.

Other Services Provided:

- Communication Access Real-Time Translation (CART) service or caption service.
- Video Remote Interpreting (VRI)



## DONATIONS

As a not-for-profit organization, DAS heavily depends on donations to continue providing many critical services.

All donations are tax deductible and can be made via phone or through our website.



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Connecting Communities  
Everyday, Everywhere

The Sign  
That Brings  
People Together



Providing equal access to  
the Deaf, Hard of Hearing  
and Hearing Communities  
of Western New York  
since 1983

## ABOUT DEAF ACCESS SERVICES

DAS is the only 501 c3 non-profit agency of its kind in Western New York. Staffed by Deaf, Hard of hearing, and hearing individuals, DAS provides a diverse, inclusive environment for everyone to receive services.

DAS strives to bridge the gap between the Deaf, Hard of hearing, deaf-blind, and hearing communities. We achieve this through services that promote equal access such as advocacy, education, employment, and interpreting services. Our support is derived from donors, grants, foundations, and fees for service.



## JOB PLACEMENT

The DAS job placement department helps Deaf individuals obtains steady, long-term, and self-sustaining employment. This program assists with resumé building, job search, and professional decorum. We are able to help individuals become proactive when seeking employment.

## AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE

DAS offers a variety of educational opportunities to learn American Sign Language (ASL) and Deaf culture in order to bridge the communication gap between the Deaf and hearing communities.

[www.wnydas.org](http://www.wnydas.org)



## COMMUNITY AWARENESS, RIGHTS AND EDUCATION

In order to improve communication between the Deaf and hearing communities, DAS provides informative consultations, presentations, and workplace sensitivity trainings to assist all attendees in feeling more at ease when working with Deaf individuals.

- Obtaining and working with a sign language interpreter
- Differences in communication modes
- Assistive devices such as videophones and TTY

## ADVOCACY SERVICES

DAS provides support services to ensure the rights of Deaf individuals by providing assistance, education, and advocacy, as well as resources to ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) compliance.



## NEWSLETTER

*Want to get involved?*

DAS publishes a monthly electronic newsletter called DAS INSIDER. It is sent via e-mail and consists of local Deaf news and events. You can subscribe on our website to receive your copy today!

DAS is always looking for volunteers and interns.

For more information, please contact us via phone at 716-833-1637 or via email at [office@wnydas.org](mailto:office@wnydas.org)



Connecting Communities  
Everyday, Everywhere

## Do I Need an Interpreter?



The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990 established a series of measures to prohibit instances of discrimination because of a person's disability. The ADA requires that the communication needs of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing are met, and this frequently demands the use of an American Sign Language (ASL) interpreter.

PLACE  
STAMP  
HERE



## Interpreting Services



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*The Sign That Brings People  
Together*

Deaf Access Services

2495 Main Street Suite 440 Buffalo, New York 14214

## Interpreting takes on different forms

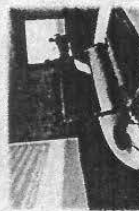
Deaf Access Services (DAS) connects Western New York communities of Deaf, Hard of Hearing and Hearing people using American Sign Language in the pursuit of everyday access through advocacy, education, employment and *interpreting services*.

Interpreting services are needed in every aspect of a Deaf or Hard of Hearing person's life. Business, Court, Education (K-12/Post Secondary), Hospital, Emergency Rooms, Doctor visits, Public Events and Entertainment/Theater, just to name a few.

There are a variety of ways in which DAS can assist your organization in meeting the communication needs of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. *Communication Access Real-Time Translation (CART) Services, In-Person Interpreting and Video Relay Interpreting (VRI).*

### CART Services

**Communication Access Real-time Translation (CART)** – The instantaneous translation of the spoken language into text and displayed in various forms. English text is produced with less than a two-second delay.



**Onsite CART** can be provided for meetings, classes, training sessions and special events.

**Remote CART** is exactly the same as onsite CART except the provider is in a remote location and listens to an event through the use of a telephone or Voice Over IP (VoIP) connect.

### In-Person Interpreting



In-Person Interpreting is the most preferred method of interpreting services by the Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing community.

## Request an Interpreter

Contact DAS Interpreting Department:

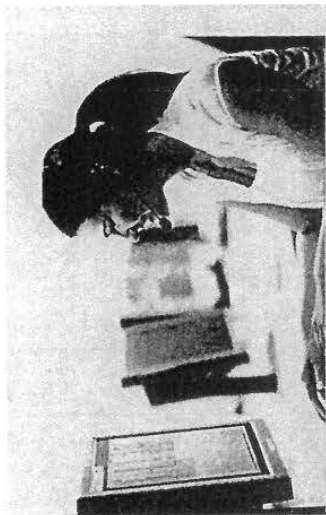
Scheduling Coordinator; Lee Dray  
(716) 748-7100 / [ldray@wnydas.org](mailto:ldray@wnydas.org)

Scheduler; Aja Ruff  
(716) 833-1737 x106 / [aruff@wnydas.org](mailto:aruff@wnydas.org)

Visit our website and request an interpreter:  
[www.wnydas.org/request-an-interpreter/](http://www.wnydas.org/request-an-interpreter/)

Office Hours:  
Monday – Friday 9:00AM-4:00PM

**AFTER-HOUR EMERGENCIES CALL  
211**



### Video Relay Interpreting (VRI)

VRI is a simple click on your computer to connect you with an interpreter! VRI enables Deaf/Hard of Hearing and hearing individuals, or persons with limited English NOT in the same location to easily converse using video-phone technology and high-speed internet connection. Simply put, VRI bridges any language gap in minutes. This eliminates the need for travel and becomes a cost saving option.

VRI offers your organization an efficient and cost effective way to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) regulations and Title VI of the Civil Rights Act.

### **Contact Us:**

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NINTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COMMITTEE  
TO PROMOTE GENDER FAIRNESS IN THE COURTS

*Hon. Terry Jane Ruderman, Chair*

*Hon. Allen Hochberg, Vice-Chair*



## **Ninth Judicial District Committee to Promote Gender Fairness in the Courts**

Chair: Hon. Terry Jane Ruderman, Supreme Court Justice, Ninth Judicial District

Members: Please see attached list.

Counties served: Dutchess, Orange, Putnam, Rockland, and Westchester

### **2017 Meetings**

Meeting Dates: 3/15/2017, 6/26/2017, 10/16/2017, and 12/12/2017

Average Attendance: 20

Do you use Videoconferencing? No

### **2017 Special Events**

Activities for Women's History Awareness Month

The Committee again sponsored its annual essay contest open to all high school students in the Ninth Judicial District. The essay contest topic was: Joseph is a male student at American High School. He wants to try out for the school's field hockey team, which is traditionally comprised of all girls. The school does not have an equivalent team for boys. The field hockey coach refuses to let Joseph try out solely because he is a boy. A group of parents have also opposed the idea, stating that boys should not be allowed to play on an all-girls team. Joseph's parents have filed a complaint with the school's principal. What should the principal do and what factors should be considered? The Committee hosted a breakfast on May 5, 2017 to celebrate the winners of the 2017 annual Women's History Month essay contest.

Other Special Events or Activities

The Committee co-sponsored a second CLE program with The Pace Women's Justice Centers and The Westchester Women's Bar Association, titled "A Continuing Lecture Series on Diversity in the Legal Profession."

How were your special events advertised or marketed?

Email, Mail, and Flyer

Who and how many attended?

Judges, attorneys, public officials, bar association officers, school personnel and family members of the contest winners were in attendance at the 2017 annual essay contest breakfast - approximately 50 in all. The CLE programs were also attended by 30-40 judges and local attorneys.

Was there any press before or after? Yes

### **Future Plans**

Meetings dates planned or projected for 2018:

March 2018, June 2018, September 2018 and December 2018

#### Special Events & Educational Programs

Women's History Month; Domestic Violence Awareness Month, and the Committee will again host its annual essay contest to celebrate Women's History Awareness Month 2019.

What issues regarding women and gender in the courts do you think are important in 2018? Pro-bono representation in matrimonial disputes.

Do you see operational issues in your court or judicial district that adversely affect women or a subgroup of women? Breastfeeding Space - There is only one dedicated breastfeeding space for employees in the courthouse and it is not easily or always accessible.

Do you see unmet training needs? Yes. Judicial education refresher trainings and trainings for new law clerks.

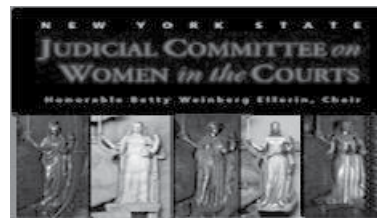
What topics would you like to see developed for Lunch & Learn Sessions from 1:00 – 2:00 in the courthouse? Recent developments in foreclosure law and uncontested matrimonial cases.

#### **Collaboration**

Have you joined with groups outside the courts for programs or projects?  
Bar Associations and Colleges

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**In Celebration of Women's History Month,  
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Proudly Present:**

***"A Continuing Lecture Series on Diversity in the Legal Profession"***  
***A Discussion on Diversity and Inclusion***

**Special Guest Speaker:** **Claire Gutekunst, Esq., President**  
New York State Bar Association

**Co-Moderators/  
Diversity Committee  
Co-Chairs** **Jacqueline Hattar, Esq., Partner**  
Wilson Elser Moskowitz Edelman & Dicker, LLP  
(New York-Metro Offices)

**Stephanie Melowsky, Esq., Vice President**  
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**Date:** Tuesday, March 28, 2017

**Time:** Registration - 6:00 p.m.; Program- 6:15 p.m. – 7:30 P.M.

**Place:** Wilson Elser Moskowitz Edelman & Dicker LLP, 1133 Westchester Avenue, White Plains, NY  
(Enter from the Section C parking lot entrance/reception area is located on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor)

**Cost:** Free to members of sponsoring organizations. Light supper will be provided.

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## A DISCUSSION ON DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION: WWBA Presents Women's History Month Program Featuring NYSBA President Claire Gutekunst

Stephanie Melowsky and  
Jacqueline Hattar

Claire Gutekunst, the president of the New York State Bar Association (NYSBA), was the guest speaker at a lecture on "A Discussion on Diversity and Inclusion" that was held on March 28, 2017 at Wilson Elser's office in White Plains. The program, held in celebration of Women's History Month, was presented by the WWBA's Diversity and Litigation Committees and the Ninth Judicial District's Committee on Gender Fairness in the Courts, and was supported by Wilson Elser.

The program, which was very-well attended, is part of the WWBA's Continuing Lecture Series on Diversity in the Legal Profession. The authors were proud to serve as panelists at this program.

Ms. Gutekunst, whose achievements are truly im-



Diversity Program

pressive, has been active in the State Bar for approximately 30 years. She has served as the NYSBA's treasurer from 2011 to 2013 and is currently a member of the Commercial and Federal Litigation Section's Executive Committee, the Legislative Policy Committee and the Membership Committee. She previously served on the Executive Committee as vice president for the First Judicial District and as a member-at-

large. Ms. Gutekunst chaired the Membership Committee, Committee on Women in the Law and Strategic Planning Advisory Committee. She was vice chair of the Dispute Resolution Section and co-

chaired the President's Committee on Access to Justice. She also was a longtime member of the Committee on Diversity and Inclusion. She previously worked for approximately 30 years at Proskauer Rose, first as an associate and then as a partner. After leaving Proskauer Rose in 2012, Ms. Gutekunst established her own practice and is currently an independent arbitrator and mediator.

During the March 28th lecture, Ms. Gutekunst discussed her journey through the NYSBA and the various diversity and inclusion initia-

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# WWA's Launch Event for Report on the Status of Women in Westchester County

Jacqueline Hattar

The Westchester Women's Agenda (WWA) held a launch event on March 21, 2017 at the Eileen Fisher Learning Lab in Irvington, New York, on its "2016 Report on the Status of Women in Westchester County." The event included a panel discussion regarding the key findings contained in the report. The panelists included WWA Board members Colleen Braithwaite, Sheila Klatzky and Maria Imperial. The panel discussion was moderated by Robi Schlaff, the executive director of the Westchester County Office for Women. WWA's co-chair, Antoinette Klatzky, provided introductory remarks. The panel discussed the challenges facing women and families in the county, including the high cost of child care, a growing elderly population which strains their resources, and wage disparities which continue to favor men.

The WWA commissioned the report to advise on the social and economic status of women, and to further a climate that offers equal access and opportunity for women in Westchester County. The report aims to provide local data that will create a baseline on issues which are of concern to women. The report also strives to inspire the public to join in efforts to create programs for women and, therefore, improve the quality of life for everyone in Westchester.

According to the report, the poverty in Westchester has worsened over the last five years for women, men and families. Poverty is higher for woman-headed families in Westchester, and it has gotten worse. The report also noted that educational levels have improved over the last five years, for both women and men. The educational levels of women slightly exceed those of men at the current time; however, at all levels of education, women still make less money than men. Based upon the U.S. Census data, the report stated that in 2014, median earnings for women over the age of 25 were \$42,895. In comparison, for men over the age of 25, the median earnings were \$59,433.

Additionally, the report stated that men outnumber women as Westchester County officials by a factor of 1.7 to 1. Of the seven largest corporations head-

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Maria Imperial, Sheila Klatzky, Colleen Braithwaite, and Robi Schlaff

## A Discussion in Diversity and Inclusion

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tives, including the Diversity reception that is held at the NYSBA Annual Meeting. She shared her experiences when she was an associate at Proskauer Rose, including how she was encouraged to participate in bar associations. She also expressed the value of diversity and inclusion and how it makes a law practice more beneficial and attractive for clients. Ms. Gutekunst encouraged looking at and improving one's

individual implicit bias and discussed bias interrupters which can mitigate the negative effects that this bias may have on peers. She also noted that those in positions of leadership have the ability and duty to mentor, sponsor and include less experienced associates.

Ms. Hattar discussed Wilson's Elser's national Women's Initiative (Women Attorneys Valued and Empowered), in connection with which she serves on its Steer-

ing Committee and helped to launch in 2015. She explained that its mission is to attract, develop and retain women attorneys by enhancing and strengthening their skills and by providing career-advancing opportunities in client service, business development and leadership. It was a truly excellent program that included a lively and interesting discussion by the attendees. We wish to thank Wilson Elser for their generous support. ▀

# Gender Fairness Committee Celebrates Women's History Month

Margaret Corchado

The Ninth Judicial District Committee to Promote Gender Fairness in the Courts recognized the winners of its Annual High School Essay Contest at a breakfast held on May 5, 2017 in celebration of Women's History Month. Supreme Court Justice Terry Jane Ruderman, Chair of the Committee, presented the awards. The generosity of various professional organizations and bar associations, including the Westchester Woman's Bar Association, enabled the committee to award cash prizes to the students.

In the freshman/sophomore category, Emily Diaz from Harrison High School won first prize and Mikayla Tucci, also from Harrison High School won second prize. In the junior/senior category, Isabelle Johnson from Hastings High School won first prize and Andreas



Mikayla Tucci, Isabelle Johnson, Hon. Terry Jane Ruderman, Emily Diaz and Andreas Radovanovic

Radovanovic, also from Hastings High School won second prize. The essay topic was:

Joseph is a male student at American High School. He wants to try out for the

school's field hockey team, which is traditionally comprised of all girls. The school does not have an equivalent team for boys. The field hockey coach refuses to let Joseph try out solely because

he is a boy. A group of parents have also opposed the idea, stating that boys should not be allowed to play on an all-girls team. Joseph's parents have filed a complaint

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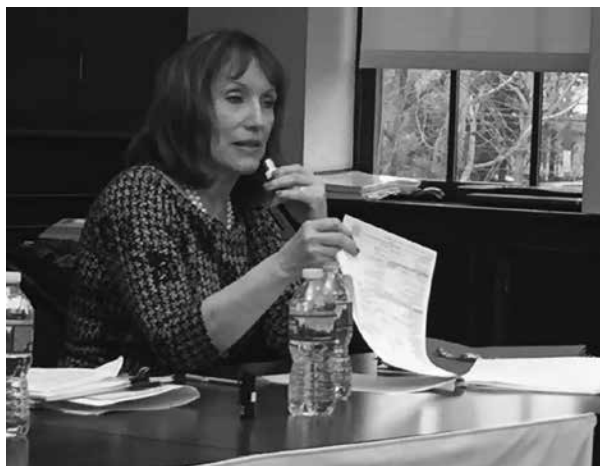
## Informative CLE on Navigating the New Maintenance Guidelines

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The Families, Children & the Courts Committee is very grateful to Justice Jamieson, Justice Walsh, Referee Swidler, Support Magistrate Hochberg and Ms. Bel as well as to our former Co-Chair, Alayne Katz, for the time and energy that they devoted to preparing for and presenting this stimulating and informative program. Thank you to Sterling National Bank for once again donating their excellent facility for this event. ■



Hon. Carol Swidler



Barbara E. Bel, CPA

# GUARDIAN AD LITEM AND COURT EVALUATORS: *A Comparison of Ethical and Procedural Obligations under the Part 36 Rules*

Patricia Angley

On May 4, 2017, the WWBA Elder/Health and Trusts and Estates Committees co-sponsored a two credit CLE (including one ethics credit) on Guardians Ad Litem (GAL) and Court Evaluators. The program discussed the ethical and procedural obligations of each court appointment under the Part 36 Rules of the Chief Judge of the State of New York. We enjoyed the hospitality of our hosts, Anthony J. Forgione, VP and Michael McNamara, Senior Client Associate of Sterling National Bank and the delicious food provided by our generous sponsor, Court Street Abstract, Inc., with Brad R. Sacks, Esq., Vice President and Heather E. Jacobs, Account Executive, giving an introductory explanation of the services they provide.

Our speaker, Joseph M. Accetta, Esq., Court Attorney/Referee in the Adult Guardianship Part of the Supreme Court, Westchester County presented a lively and interactive discussion that engaged all the participants and was very informative. Speaking from years of experience in Surrogate's Court and now the Guardianship Part, Mr. Accetta emphasized the training needed to be eligible under the Part 36 Rules for appointment as a GAL in Surrogate's Court under the Surrogate's Court Procedure Act (SCPA) and as a Court Evaluator in an Adult Guardianship proceeding under Article 81 Of the Mental Hygiene Law (MHL).

GALs act as advocates for their wards (infants, incapacitated persons, unknown distrib-



Elizabeth Cumming and Joseph Accetta

utes) and have affirmative obligations to represent their interests in any probate proceeding, SCPA Article 17-A Guardianship or compromise action for wrongful death/personal injury. GALs submit a written report to the court after a thorough investigation which should contain the jurisdictional basis for the proceeding, findings of fact, and conclusions as to the ward's interest with recommendations and objections, if any. Reasonable compensation of GALs for their services is based upon their detailed affidavit of services, complexity and nature of the case, the amount of the ward's interest and the court's discretion.

Court Evaluators (CE) may be attorney or non-attorney appointments under Part 36 and must complete the required education in order to qualify. CEs act as the eyes and ears of the court in an Adult Guardianship Proceeding and are

empowered to stop the loss of money of the alleged incapacitated person (AIP) who is the subject of the Guardianship Petition. CEs interview all relevant and necessary parties including the AIP, the proposed guardian, family members, friends, medical professionals and financial advisors. CEs determine whether the AIP can meaningfully participate in the proceeding and whether the AIP wants counsel appointed. The CE's detailed report contains all relevant information for the court including whether the AIP consents to the appointment of a guardian and what is the least restrictive form of intervention under the circumstances. Reasonable compensation of CEs depend upon a detailed affidavit of services with time records and, if the petition is granted, CEs are paid from the AIP's assets and if the petition is denied, CEs are paid by the petitioner or AIP or both. ■

## *Gender Fairness Committee Celebrates Women's History Month*

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with the school's principal. What should the principal do and what factors should be considered?

The students read their essays to the more than 50 assembled guests. Those in attendance included Justice Alan D. Scheinkman, Administrative Judge for the Ninth Judicial District, State Supreme Court Justices John P. Colangelo, Lawrence H. Ecker, Linda S. Jamieson, Lewis J. Lubell, O. Peter Sherwood, Mary H. Smith, Bruce E. Tolbert and Charles D. Wood, and former Administrative Judge for the Ninth Judicial District Francis A. Nicolai. Also in attendance were Kevin J. Plunkett, Deputy County Executive of Westchester County, and representatives of various bar associations including Susan Edwards Colson, Esq., President of the Westchester Woman's Bar Association, and Julie S. Kattan, Esq., President of the Westchester Woman's Bar Association Foundation.

The committee anticipates that this contest and awards breakfast will be held again next year and is hoping for even greater participation in the district. ■



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**DATE:** October 11, 2017

**RSVP by:** October 4, 2017

**PLACE:** Elisabeth Haub School of Law at Pace University; the Tudor Room

**TIME:** 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. (mandatory for MMP members following the mandatory MMP meeting from 5:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.)

**SPEAKER:** Nicholas G. Himonidis, JD, CFE, CCFS the NGH Group

**MODERATOR:** Natanya L. Briendel, Esq., Director Westchester Division, Pace Women's Justice Center

**FEE:** \$20 for members  
\$30 for non-members  
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**REGISTRATION:** By October 4, 2017 online at [www.wwbany.org](http://www.wwbany.org) (Members of the Pace Women's Justice Center Moderate Means Panel must register with [nbriendel@law.pace.edu](mailto:nbriendel@law.pace.edu).)

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NASSAU COUNTY JUDICIAL COMMITTEE  
ON WOMEN IN THE COURTS  
*Hon. Julianne Capetola, Chair*



## **Nassau County Judicial Committee on Women in the Courts**

Hon. Julianne Capetola, Chair

Members: Please see attached list.

Counties served: Nassau

### **2017 Meetings**

Meeting Dates: 9/20/17; 10/18/17; 11/16/17; 12/13/17

Average attendance: 12

Do you use Videoconferencing? No

### **2017 Special Events**

Activities for Women's History Awareness Month

Meeting about Reverse Mortgages, establishing Conference Part

Activities for Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Lois Schwaber, Esq., our committee member, counsel to Safe Place, went to each Court to speak with the Court community, regarding matters pertaining to Domestic Violence.

Other Special Events or Activities Foreclosure Awareness, Reverse Foreclosures, Nassau County Bar Affiliation

How were your special events advertised or marketed?

Email and Flyer

Who and how many attended?

12

Was there any press before or after? No

### **Future Plans**

Meetings dates planned or projected for 2018:

1/9/18; 1/18/18; 1/25/18; 3/14/18; 3/21/18... with more TBA

Special Events & Educational Programs

Women's History Month, Domestic Violence Awareness Month, Spring into Wellness Programs, Reverse Mortgage Concerns; Financial education-future financial planning

What issues regarding women and gender in the courts do you think are important in 2018? Financial Issues, Domestic Violence, Child Care Centers, Elder Care

Do you see operational issues in your court or judicial district that adversely affect women or a subgroup of women? Child Care Centers, Supervised Visitation, Breastfeeding Space, Language access/interpreters (availability, quality, or general usage of interpreters, both within and outside of the courtroom)

Do you see unmet training needs? No

What topics would you like to see developed for Lunch & Learn Sessions from 1:00 – 2:00 in the courthouse? Financial Empowerment for Women

### **Collaboration**

Have you joined with groups outside the courts for programs or projects?

Bar Associations, Domestic Violence Organizations, Women's Bar Association; Safe Center

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## **Suffolk County Judicial Committee on Women in the Courts**

Hon. Karen Kerr, Supervising Judge of District Court and Laurette D. Mulry, Esq., Attorney in Charge of the Legal Aid Society of Suffolk County

Members: Please see attached list.

Counties served: Suffolk

### **2017 Meetings**

Meeting Dates: 02-08-17, 04-13-17, 06-16-17, 09-06-17, and 10-05-17

Average attendance: 20

Do you use Videoconferencing? Yes

### **2017 Special Events**

Activities for Women's History Awareness Month

Our Women's History Month Program was held on 3-24-17 at Cohalan Court Complex. The program, "Suffolk County and the Woman Suffrage Movement: Leaders in Our Midst," celebrated women leaders in Suffolk County past, present and future. Committee members presented examples of women suffrage leaders with ties to Suffolk County, representative of our past. The event honored Chief Eileen Mallon, the first woman named to the position of Chief Court Officer in Suffolk County courts, an example of a present and revered leader. The event garnered community participation as well as an educational component with an Essay Contest for Suffolk County 11th grade students who answered the question "Why I Can't Wait to Vote." 139 essays were submitted from 13 area high schools. Eight winners, representatives of our future, were announced and honored at the event and their essays were printed in the event program. The event began with the Presentation of the Colors by New York State Courts Color Guard. Suffolk County District Administrative Judge C. Randall Hinrichs welcomed the Court community and the honored guests. Music was provided by the Hamptones, a singing group of 4th to 8th grade students at Our Lady of the Hamptons Regional Catholic School in Southampton, New York. Student essay winners were invited to return to the courthouse for guided tours.

Activities for Domestic Violence Awareness Month

A Continuing Legal Education program entitled "The Vicious Cycle - the Neurobiology of Trauma" was presented at Cohalan Court Complex on October 6, 2017. The 75 minute program was approved for 1.5 hours CLE credit in Professional Practice by the Judicial Institute. The speaker was Anthony Zenkus, Director of Education at the Safe Center Long Island, a non-profit agency that serves victims of domestic abuse and child abuse. Literature from local victims' advocacy groups was available for distribution. The attendees were a mix of judges, private attorneys, Legal Aid attorneys and social workers, 18-b attorneys and prosecutors, with over one hundred participants. The video is available for viewing by using the following link and password:  
<https://vimeo.com/groups/514819> Password=scwic10617

#### Other Special Events or Activities

1. Heart Health Awareness Event was held on 2-3-17 at Cohalan Court Complex. The event featured free health screenings by Stony Brook University Hospital mobile unit which provided brief cardiac history review, blood pressure testing and simple blood test for cholesterol.
2. Mental Health Awareness Lunch and Learn event was held on 5-18-17 for 67 attendees focusing on stress reduction and Work/Life balance.
3. Prostate Cancer Awareness event was held on 6-13-17 at Cohalan Court Complex with free PSA blood tests provided for 37 men on-site by mobile medical unit, Integrated Medical Foundation. Free information and literature was handed out to the court community.
4. Breast Cancer Courthouse Alert was held on 10-10-17 at Cromarty Court Complex and on 10-18-17 at Cohalan Court Complex. Tables were set up in the courthouses with information, in English and Spanish, provided by the American Cancer Society. Handouts included books and pamphlets with detection guidelines, cancer facts for women, American Cancer Society guidelines relating to breast cancer and answers to common questions and concerns. In addition, information was provided by local hospitals (Peconic and Southampton) about specific resources and services provided in Suffolk County. The Cancer Services Program, a NYS funded agency, also provided bilingual information about programs available to persons who have no health insurance.
5. The Women in the Courts Committee enthusiastically supports the Cohalan Children's Center by providing volunteers and encouraging participation in events such as a Back-to-School Supply Drive (July-August 2017), a Coats for Kids Bagel Brunch (November 2017), and Thanksgiving and Christmas drives to benefit families that utilize the Children's Center.
6. The Access to Justice sub-committee conducted several meetings investigating areas in which there may be a gap in legal support and assistance, especially for those who are indigent or limited English proficient.

How were your special events advertised or marketed?

Email, Flyer, Advertised through the Suffolk County Bar Association

Who and how many attended?

The Women's History and Domestic Violence programs had over one hundred attendees at each program (see above for other event participation numbers).

Was there any press before or after? Yes

## **Future Plans**

Meetings dates planned or projected for 2018:

02-08-18, 04-05-18, 06-07-18, September '18, October '18

Special Events & Educational Programs

Women's History Month, Domestic Violence Awareness Month, Heart Health Awareness (2-1-18 and 2-26-18), Mental Health Awareness (May 2018) Prostate Cancer Screening (June 2018), Children's Center events

## **Concerns**

What issues regarding women and gender in the courts do you think are important in 2018? See operational issues below.

Do you see operational issues in your court or judicial district that adversely affect women or a subgroup of women? Child Care Centers, Breastfeeding Space, Language access/interpreters (availability, quality, or general usage of interpreters, both within and outside of the courtroom)

Child Care: It is recognized that child care remains a challenge for those who work at the courts and for those who are involved in a court proceeding. As previously stated, the Suffolk County Judicial Committee on Women in the Courts enthusiastically supports the Children's Center and activities that promote the funding of Suffolk EAC which operates the court's on-site child care facility. We are encouraged that in 2017, the Center received additional funding to secure three (3) full days of operation at the Cohalan Court Complex. The Committee will continue to support the Center in an effort to expand those services.

Breastfeeding space: The Committee realizes that this is an issue of concern for women who are in the courts, whether they are employees, litigants or visitors. As such, the Committee will endeavor to promote discourse on this topic in the hopes of putting forth suggestions for positive change.

Language access: This is an omnipresent issue that is at the forefront of discussion in Suffolk County as the chosen pilot county for the NYS Permanent Committee on Access to Justice. Our subcommittee on Access to Justice hopes to develop a program that will dovetail with the larger statewide efforts to close the justice gap in Suffolk County and specifically will assist those who are limited English proficient.

Do you see unmet training needs? Please list.

Yes. Inclusion, LGBT issues and cultural sensitivity

What topics would you like to see developed for Lunch & Learn Sessions from 1:00 – 2:00 in the courthouse? Diversity and Inclusion; Ethics

### **Collaboration**

Have you joined with groups outside the courts for programs or projects?  
Bar Associations and Domestic Violence Organizations

## **Suffolk County Women in the Courts Committee**

### **Membership List**

*(As of 01/24/18)*

Andrea Amoa, Esq., Legal Aid Society of Suffolk  
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The Honorable Toni A. Bean, District Court Judge  
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Victoria Campos-Gaylor, Esq., Private Practitioner  
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Diane Farrell, Esq., Court Attorney Referee, Foreclosure Part  
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The Honorable Patricia Filiberto, Retired Judge  
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Brette A. Haefeli, Esq., Court Attorney Referee, Surrogate's Court  
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Maureen Hordy, Resource Coordinator III  
Amy Hsu, Esq., Private Practitioner  
Laurie Hulbert, Director of Advocacy at VIBS Family Violence and Rape Crisis Center  
Demetri Jones, Esq., U.S. Department of Justice  
The Honorable Darlene Jorif-Mangane, Support Magistrate, Suffolk County Family Court  
The Honorable Cheryl Joseph, Court of Claims Judge  
David Juan, Suffolk County Probation Department  
Elizabeth Justesen, Esq., Legal Aid Society of Suffolk  
The Honorable Chris Ann Kelley, District Court Judge  
The Honorable Karen Kerr, Supervising Judge of District Court  
The Honorable Linda Kevins, District Court Judge  
The Honorable Deborah Kooperstein, Town of Southampton Justice  
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 The Honorable Karen Wilutis, Acting County Court Judge  
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 Nicole Zuvich, Esq., Private Practitioner



**Heart Health Awareness Initiative  
February 2, 2017  
Cohalan Court Complex, Central Islip  
L-R: Cynthia Vargas, Esq.; Beverly Saldivias**



**Suffolk County Women in the Courts Committee June 16, 2017 Meeting**

Top Row L-R: CO Ann Marie Calise; Kaitlyn Pickford; Carrie Vasiluth; Hon. Chris Ann Kelley; Megan Tomlin, Esq.; Leslie McLoughlin; Laurette Mulry, Esq., Hon. Karen Wilutis; Hon. Karen Kerr; Beverly Saldivias; Hon. Isabel Buse; Sheryl Randazzo, Esq., Chief Eileen Mallon; Elizabeth Justesen, Esq.; Stephanie Giancristofaro, Esq.; Hon. C. Randall Hinrichs; Major David Santiago  
Seated L-R: Hon. Gaetan B. Lozito; Sarah Jane LaCova; Mary Porter, Esq., Hon. Darlene Jorif-Mangane; Linda Scio



**Breast Cancer Awareness Initiative  
October 18, 2018  
Cohalan Court Complex, Central Islip  
L-R: Leslie McLoughlin; Linda Scio**



**Breast Cancer Awareness Initiative  
Arthur M. Cromarty Court Complex, Riverhead  
October 10, 2017  
L-R: Martha M. Rogers, Esq.; Brette Haefeli, Esq.**

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## Promotional Ceremony in Honor of Eileen Mallon, Chief Court Officer of Suffolk County

The Honorable C. Randall Hinrichs, District Administrative Judge of Suffolk County, held a promotional ceremony to honor Eileen Mallon, the first woman to be named to the position of Chief Court Officer of the Suffolk County Courts. The ceremony was held on February 15, 2017 at the John P. Cohalan, Jr. Court Complex and drew a large crowd of fellow Court Officers, Judges and family members. The Honorable C. Randall Hinrichs was joined by Chief of Public Safety Michael Magliano, Chief Sean Egan, Chief Joseph Baccellieri, Chief James Sheridan, Chief James DiNapoli and retired Chief Court Officer of Suffolk County, Thomas A. Honey.

Chief Mallon began her career in the court system as a Court Officer in 1986. She came to Suffolk County in 1991 and was assigned to the District Court. During her time in District Court, Mallon promoted to Sergeant in 1993 and Captain in 1998. She attained the rank of Major in 2005 and assumed the duties of Executive Officer to the Chief Court Officer where she performed a wide range of responsibilities; including, liaison to local law enforcement agencies and supervisor of both the Family and Supreme Court Commands in Riverhead.

Over the course of her distinguished career, Chief Mallon has always demonstrated the highest degree of professionalism and dedication to the public we serve. Outside of her duties in the Suffolk County Courts, she has volunteered for the Deer Park Fire Department since 2003. She began as an Emergency Medical Technician and is presently a Fire Police Officer.

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*Pictured L-R: Chief James Sheridan, Chief Sean Egan, Chief of Public Safety Michael Magliano, Chief Eileen Mallon, District Administrative Judge C. Randall Hinrichs, Chief Joseph Baccellieri and Chief James DiNapoli*

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and more!

## Heart Health Awareness Recognized in the Suffolk County Courts



In recognition of Heart Health Awareness Month, the Suffolk County District Administrative Judge's Women in the Courts Committee hosted heart health screenings free to all. On Monday, January 30, 2017, at the Arthur M. Cromarty Criminal Court Complex in Riverhead, Southampton Hospital was on site to provide free screenings including a brief cardiac history and simple blood test for cholesterol and blood pressure. At the John P. Cohalan, Jr. Court Complex on Friday, February 3, 2017, it was Stony Brook University Hospital nurses who provided the screenings. The Suffolk County Courts are grateful to the staff at both hospitals for their vital contributions in support of these programs.



### Heart-Healthy Recipe — Velvety Avocado Pesto Dip

- ⇒ 2 medium ripe avocados (peeled, pitted, cut into pieces)
- ⇒ 1 cup fresh basil leaves
- ⇒ 1/4 cup unsalted pine nuts
- ⇒ 3 tbsp. olive oil (extra virgin preferred)
- ⇒ 1 tbsp. fresh lemon juice
- ⇒ 3 medium garlic cloves
- ⇒ 1/4 teaspoon salt
- ⇒ 1/4 teaspoon cracked black pepper

**16 servings**  
**2 tbsp. per serving**  
**74 calories**  
**1.0 mg Sat. Fat**  
**38 mg Sodium**



In a food processor or blender, process all the ingredients for about 3 minutes, or until the mixture is fluffy and creamy.

*Courtesy of the American Heart Association:* <https://recipes.heart.org/recipes/2128/Velvety-Avocado-Pesto-dip>

## The Suffolk County Courts Commemorate the 100th Anniversary of Women's Right to Vote in New York State

The 2017 Women's History Month Celebration, sponsored by the Suffolk County District Administrative Judge's Judicial Committee on Women in the Courts, was held on Friday, March 24, 2017 at the John P. Cohalan, Jr. Court Complex in Central Islip. The program's theme, "Suffolk County and the Woman Suffrage Movement: Leaders in Our Midst" recognized leaders among us in Suffolk County - past, present and future.

High school students from across Suffolk County participated in an essay contest as part of this year's Women's History Month program. The 11<sup>th</sup> grade student participants submitted essays in reflection of the topic "Why I Can't Wait to Vote..." The winning essay writers received special recognition during the ceremony as well as scholarships presented by local bar associations.



In addition to honoring the student essay contest finalists, the Honorable C. Randall Hinrichs presented an award to Chief Eileen Mallon in recognition of her outstanding service, dedication and leadership to the Suffolk County Courts. Notably, Chief Mallon is the first woman to attain the rank of Chief Court Officer in the Suffolk County Courts.

## The Hamptones Perform at Women's History Month Celebration

*By Martha Rogers, Esq.*



In honor of Women's History Month, the Hamptones were featured performers at the Suffolk County Court's annual Women's History Month program held at the court complex in Central Islip. The students were there at the invitation of the Hon. C. Randall Hinrichs, District Administrative Judge of the Suffolk County Courts. They accompanied the court officer color guard in singing the National Anthem as well as solo performances of some of their signature songs. The Hamptones were given a tour of the courts, a highlight of which was the opportunity to role play as participants in the criminal trial of Goldilocks. After hearing testimony as well as cross-examination, the "jury" found Goldilocks guilty of trespass and larceny.

**Women's History Month Program**  
**March 24, 2017**



Join us for this  
**FREE**  
program open to  
**ALL**  
Court Personnel.

**Participation  
is limited to  
the first 80  
registrants!**

*Sponsored by  
The Suffolk  
County District  
Administrative  
Judge's Women  
in the Courts  
Committee*

*Light  
Lunch to  
be  
provided.*

## Lunch & Learn: A Program on Work/Life Balance

### **REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!**

#### **A Program on Work/Life Balance:**

Emotional Well-Being  
Work-Family Balance  
Stress  
Available Resources

**Thursday, May 18, 2017  
12:45 PM - 2:00 PM**

**Central Jury Room  
John P. Cohalan, Jr. Court Complex  
Central Islip**

#### **REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS:**

Email Leslie McLoughlin at  
[lmclough@nycourts.gov](mailto:lmclough@nycourts.gov)



May is  
Mental Health  
Awareness Month

The Suffolk County District Administrative Judge's Women in the Courts Committee Presents:

## **FREE PROSTATE CANCER SCREENINGS**



Provided by Integrated Medical Foundation, [IMFCARES.ORG](http://IMFCARES.ORG)

Free PSA blood test for men who have not previously been diagnosed with Prostate Cancer

**Suffolk County Cohalan Court Complex**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Mezzanine**

**400 Carleton Ave, Central Islip, NY**

**Tuesday, June 13, 2017**

**10:00 AM to 12:00 PM**

**Bring a self-addressed stamped envelope**

**\*BY APPOINTMENT; SPACE IS LIMITED\***

**Please call or text PO David Juan (516) 361-4957**

**or call Major David Santiago (631) 853-7717**

**JUNE IS MEN'S HEALTH MONTH!**

**Stop by our table for free information and literature**

Join us for this  
**FREE CLE**  
program open to  
newly admitted  
and experienced  
attorneys.

Participation  
is limited to  
the first 80  
registrants!

Participants are  
asked to remain  
present for the  
entire program.

*Please note  
partial credit  
will **not** be  
awarded.*

## "The Vicious Cycle: The Neurobiology of Trauma"

Sponsored by The Suffolk County Judicial Committee on Women in the Courts

### **REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!**

Program Presenter:

Anthony Zenkus, LMSW  
The Safe Center LI

**Friday, October 6, 2017**  
**12:30 p.m. - Check-In**  
**12:45 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. - Program**

**Central Jury Room**  
**John P. Cohalan, Jr. Court Complex**  
**Central Islip**

This program has been approved by the New York State  
Judicial Institute in accordance with the requirements of the NYS  
CLE Board for 1.5 credit hours, which can be applied toward the  
Professional Practice category of CLE credit.

### **REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS:**

Email Leslie McLoughlin [lmclough@nycourts.gov](mailto:lmclough@nycourts.gov)  
with your full name, affiliation  
and whether you are seeking CLE credit.

October is Domestic Violence  
Awareness Month

Suffolk County  
Children's  
Center

# Coats for Kids Bagel Brunch



Come join us for a Bagel  
Brunch and donate a  
NEW children's coat to  
The Children's Center.  
Our goal is that no child  
is cold this winter!

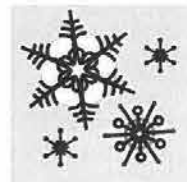
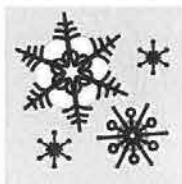
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9am

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The Children's Center

Other items needed:

- Board Books
- Socks
- Children's pants
- Mittens
- Hats



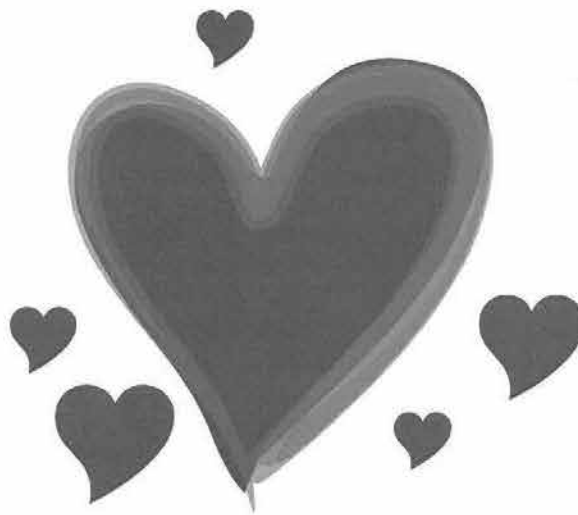


**THE SUFFOLK COUNTY DISTRICT ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE'S  
WOMEN IN THE COURTS COMMITTEE**

**PRESENTS**

## **HEART HEALTH 2017**

**FREE HEALTH SCREENINGS COURTESY OF  
STONY BROOK UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL**



**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017  
JOHN P. COHALAN, JR. COURT COMPLEX, CENTRAL ISLIP  
SECOND FLOOR MEZZANINE  
10:00 AM-2:00 PM**

**THE SCREENINGS INCLUDE A BRIEF CARDIAC HISTORY, SIMPLE BLOOD TEST  
FOR *CHOLESTEROL* AND BLOOD PRESSURE  
Must be at least 18 years old to participate.**



The Suffolk County District Administrative Judge's  
Women in the Courts Committee

invites you to celebrate

**Women's History Month**

recognizing

Suffolk County High School Students' Participation in  
**"Suffolk County and the Woman Suffrage Movement:  
Leaders in Our Midst"**

**Essay Contest**

Special Honoree

Eileen Mallon  
*Chief Court Officer of Suffolk County*

**March 24, 2017 - 1:00 p.m.**

Cohalan Court Complex - Central Jury Room  
400 Carleton Avenue  
Central Islip, New York 11722

Prizes sponsored by:  
*Local Bar Associations*

Refreshments will be served

**Laurette Mulry**

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**From:** Suffolk County Bar Association <jane@scba.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 23, 2017 3:40 PM  
**To:** lmulry@sclas.org  
**Subject:** Women's History Month

March 2017



## **Suffolk County Bar Association**

**The Suffolk County District Administrative Judge  
Women in the Courts Committee**

**invites you to celebrate  
*Women's History Month***

**recognizing  
Suffolk County High School Students' Participation in  
*"Suffolk County and the Woman Suffrage Movement:  
Leaders in Our Midst" Essay Contest***

**Special Honoree  
*Eileen Mallon*  
Chief Court Officer of Suffolk County**

**Friday, March 24, 2017  
1:00 p.m.**

**Cohalan Court Complex - Central Jury Room  
400 Carleton Avenue  
Central Islip, NY**

**Prizes Generously Sponsored by:  
Local Bar Associations**

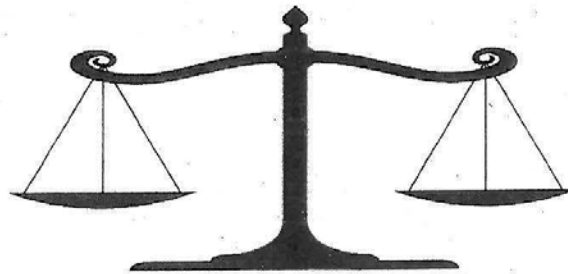
**SUFFOLK COUNTY DISTRICT ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE'S  
WOMEN IN THE COURTS COMMITTEE**

**CELEBRATES WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH ♦ MARCH 2017**

**SUFFOLK COUNTY  
AND THE WOMAN SUFFRAGE MOVEMENT:  
LEADERS IN OUR MIDST**

**11<sup>th</sup> GRADE SUFFOLK COUNTY STUDENTS  
ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN AN**

**❖ ESSAY CONTEST ❖**



**Write an essay completing the statement –  
“Why I can’t wait to vote ...”  
(250 words or less)**

**TOP PRIZE - \$300**  
and other cash prizes to be awarded,  
with “Honorable Mention” recognitions

**ALL ENTRANTS WILL RECEIVE CERTIFICATES FOR PARTICIPATING  
AND  
SELECTED WINNERS WILL BE GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO  
SPEND A DAY SHADOWING A JUDGE AND V.I.P. COURT TOUR**

**See Your High School Social Studies or English Department  
Chairperson for Essay Contest Entry Form**

**TO BE ELIGIBLE ENTRIES MUST BE POSTMARKED BY FEBRUARY 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

**SUFFOLK COUNTY DISTRICT ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE'S  
WOMEN IN THE COURTS COMMITTEE**

**11<sup>th</sup> GRADE ESSAY CONTEST SUBMISSION FORM**

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

The Suffolk County District Administrative Judge's Committee on Women in the Courts works to secure equal justice, equal treatment and equal opportunity, as were found to often be denied to women, for all based upon findings contained within the 1986 Report of the New York State Task Force on Women in the Courts. In doing so, the Committee seeks to involve and encourage our surrounding community in pursuing these endeavors and accomplishing these ideals.

**ESSAY SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

1. A high school junior (11<sup>th</sup> grade) in good standing at a Suffolk County high school and a resident of Suffolk County.
2. Submission of a completed and typed official essay contest submission form (may be photocopied).
3. Verification of current enrollment by school official (part of submission form herein).

ONLY COMPLETE SUBMISSIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED. All applications and supporting information become the property of the Suffolk County Women in the Courts Committee.

**ESSAY SUBMISSION CONTACT INFORMATION**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
First, Middle Initial, Last

Present Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Name and address of current high school: \_\_\_\_\_

Application to be submitted no later than Monday, February 27, 2017 to:  
Suffolk County Women in the Court's Committee  
c/o Sheryl L. Randazzo, Esq. - Event Co-Chair  
464 New York Avenue  
Huntington, New York 11743

Questions to be directed to Event Co-Chairs: Ms. Randazzo @ (631) 673-4998  
Hon. Isabel Buse @ (631) 853-4838

GENDER FAIRNESS COMMITTEE  
OF THE TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT,  
SUPREME COURT COMMITTEE

*Hon. Richard Lee Price, Chair*

*Hon. Josephine Bastone, Chair*



## **Gender Fairness Committee for the Twelfth Judicial District**

Chairs: Hon. Richard Lee Price (through 1:30 p.m. 1/25/2018) and Hon. Josephine M. Bastone. (Incoming: Hon. Doris M. Gonzalez replacing Hon. Richard Lee Price.)

Members: The Gender Fairness Committee for the Twelfth Judicial District draws its members from every level of the court community, including bar associations, advocacy and prosecution agencies which service or appear before the courts, the Bronx Borough President's Office, the County Clerk's Office, and each of the various courts in The Bronx. The Committee was created 26 years ago in response to recommendations of the Chief Judge's Committee on Gender Bias. The composition of the Committee includes: Judges, Court Attorneys, Court Clerks, Court Officers, Court Reporters, Stenographers, custodial employees, and other personnel from the various courts in The Bronx, as well as other agencies. See attached stationery which lists all of our members.

Counties served: Bronx

### **2017 Meetings**

Dates of Meetings: 1/10/17; 5/30/17; 9/26/17. Updates were sent out to the Committee by Judge Price on occasion. We also held a number of subcommittee meetings during the year to plan activities.

Average Attendance: 12

Do you use Videoconferencing? No

### **2017 Special Events**

#### **Activities for Women's History Awareness Month**

We held our eighteenth annual awards program on May 4, 2017 in the Jury Room of Bronx Supreme Court, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, N. Y. We gave the Woman of Achievement award to Sharlene Denise Brown, Executive Director of Bronx Y.M.C.A. We also presented the EVOLVE award to six promising girls; this award was created to recognize outstanding female high school students who have demonstrated a unique ability to rise above daunting circumstances in their lives or who have demonstrated a combination of great scholarship and volunteerism. In addition, we awarded certificates for four Women of Distinction, court system employees who have impressed the Committee by their job performance, or because they have overcome odds with supreme grace. Report of event, press coverage, flyer, and program attached.

#### **Activities for Domestic Violence Awareness Month**

We held our annual Domestic Violence Workplace Education Day program on October 30, 2017 in the Bronx Hall of Justice. Ellen Kolodney, Glendalee Olivera, and Jose Perez spoke on "Recognizing and Responding to Elder Abuse". See report of event, flyer, and program, attached.

#### **Other Special Events or Activities**

1. We held a program on Long-Term Care Insurance on June 21, 2017 in courtroom 607 of Bronx Supreme Court, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, N. Y. See report of event and

flyer, attached. 2. We co-sponsored The Columbia Society's July 17, 2017 program on "Elder Law and Planning for People with Special Needs". MCLE credit was available for attorneys and judges for this informative lecture. See report of event and flyer, attached.

How were your special events advertised or marketed?

Email, Mail, and Flyer

Who and how many attended?

Approximately 140 people attended the Women's History Month program. Approximately 40 people attended the Long-Term Care program. Approximately 45 people attended the Elder Law program. Approximately 65 people attended Domestic Violence Workplace Education Day program (icy weather conditions) Programs were open to courthouse employees, visitors to the courthouse, jurors, some to the general public.

Was there any press before or after? Yes

### **Future Plans**

Meetings dates for planned or projected for 2018:

Periodic full committee meetings, with subcommittee meetings as needed.

Special Events & Educational Programs

Women's History Month; Domestic Violence Awareness Month

What issues regarding women and gender in the courts do you think are important in 2018? Continued need for civil behaviour and fair treatment.

Do you see operational issues in your court or judicial district that adversely affect women or a subgroup of women? Child Care Centers, Language access/interpreters (availability, quality, or general usage of interpreters, both within and outside of the courtroom)

Do you see unmet training needs? No

What topics would you like to see developed for Lunch & Learn Sessions from 1:00 – 2:00 in the courthouse? Committee Chair Hon. Josephine M. Bastone is the MCLE Liaison to the Judicial Institute from the Bronx County Courts. Video-simulcasts of Judicial Institute lectures are offered throughout the year, as well as the occasional live lecture sponsored by the Gender Fairness Committee, The Columbia Society, or by other court personnel.

### **Collaboration**

Have you joined with groups outside the courts for programs or projects?

Bar Associations, The Columbia Society, Unions, various local businesses

Supreme Court  
Of the  
State of New York

**GENDER FAIRNESS COMMITTEE  
For the TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT**



**265 East 161<sup>st</sup> Street, #934  
Bronx, New York 10451**

**HON. ROBERT TORRES**  
Administrative Judge

**HON. RICHARD LEE PRICE**  
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FROM: JOSEPHINE M. BASTONE, ESQ.  
CHAIR, GENDER FAIRNESS COMMITTEE  
CHAIR, WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH PROGRAM

DATE: OCTOBER 11, 2017

RE: MAY 4, 2017 PROGRAM

The Gender Fairness Committee of the 12<sup>th</sup> Judicial District sponsored its eighteenth annual Women's History Month program on Thursday, May 4, 2017. Held in the Jury Assembly Room of the Bronx County Building, the event had over 140 people in attendance.

This year we gave the Woman of Achievement award to Sharlene Denise Brown, Executive Director of The Bronx Y. M. C. A. In addition, the EVOLVE award was given to six promising high school girls. Four hardworking court employees were named Women of Distinction.

The program was moderated by Gender Fairness Committee chair Josephine M. Bastone. Darlene Dove-Malave gave an invocation, which was followed by the National Anthem, sung by Sgt. Jessica Hernandez. Administrative Judges Douglas E. McKeon and Robert E. Torres opened the program with welcoming remarks. Floral arrangements were presented to the honorees. Citations and a Women's History Month proclamation were presented. Justice Price gave closing remarks, thanking the members of the committee and our co-sponsors, and inviting the audience to enjoy the lunch prepared by Yankee Tavern.

The names of committee members and of our event co-sponsors are on the attached program. Program co-chair Carol Brumley did an exceptional job in preparing the biographies distributed. Elix Madera-Fliegelman and Laura Bisignano managed to collect sufficient monies from bar associations, unions, neighbourhood stores, etc. to meet our expenses. Yankee Tavern kept our food costs down. Judge Price's intern, Gloria

Lam, prepared the flyers and programs, among other things. Both members and non-members of the program committee assisted on the day of the event.

This year, due to the unavailability of the Rotunda, our usual venue, the second floor Jury Assembly room was utilized. Thanks go to Bronx County Clerk Luis Diaz, Deputy Kay Amer, and Terry Torres for facilitating approval of the new site, as well as to Pat Bruno and her staff in the jury room for their assistance.

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Sgt. Jessica Hernandez

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From left, New York City police officer Elaine D'Arrigo; retired Bronx Supreme Court Justice [Richard Lee Price](#) ♀; Mount St. Ursula students Mary Lou De Jesus, Imani Maliti, Natasha Rojas, and Jeniah Villanueva and Harry S. Truman High School students Cassidy Hurd and Aliyah Quiles; Bronx YMCA executive director Sharlene Denise Brown; court attorney-referee and chair of the Gender Fairness Committee Josephine Bastone; senior Bronx Surrogate Court clerk Mary Murray; senior Bronx Civil Court clerk Nanette Mack; court analyst and women's history month program co-chair Carol Brumley-McManus; and New York police officer Brandi Alexander. The six students, all high school juniors, received the committee's EVOLVE award for rising above daunting circumstances in their lives. Brown received the committee's woman of achievement award, while Murray, Mack, and the two NYPD officers were recognized as women of distinction for their job performance or for overcoming odds.

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FROM: JOSEPHINE M. BASTONE, ESQ.  
CHAIR, GENDER FAIRNESS COMMITTEE

DATE: OCTOBER 11, 2017

RE: JUNE 21, 2017 PROGRAM

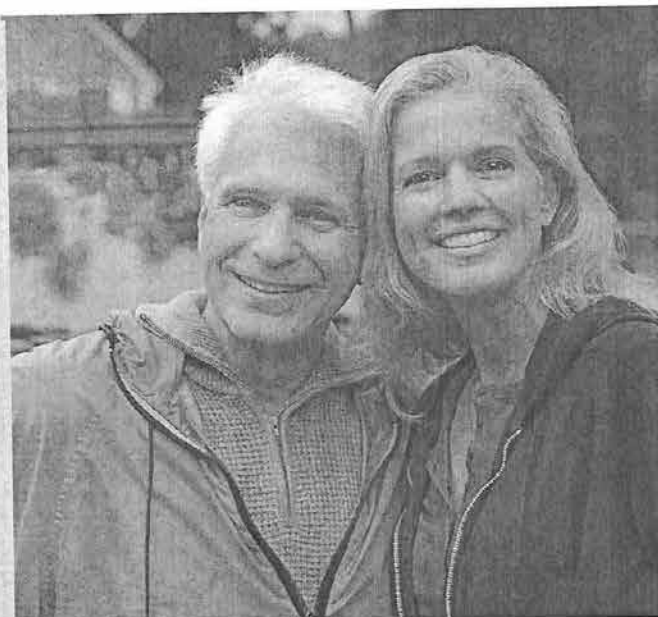
The Gender Fairness Committee of the 12<sup>th</sup> Judicial District sponsored a program on long-term care insurance on June 21, 2017. The program addressed issues as to what coverage was available, whether it would be cost effective for those over age 55 with a pension and social security, etc.

Jaime A. Alcaraz and two of his colleagues from New York Life Insurance Company spoke. The program was attended by approximately 40 people.

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**FROM: JOSEPHINE M. BASTONE  
PRESIDENT - THE COLUMBIA SOCIETY  
CHAIR, GENDER FAIRNESS COMMITTEE FOR THE 12<sup>TH</sup>  
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**DATE: OCTOBER 11, 2017**

**RE: "ELDER LAW AND PLANNING FOR PEOPLE WITH SPECIAL  
NEEDS" PROGRAM**

The Columbia Society, Inc., on July 17, 2017, sponsored another program in its series of health and retirement events. The Gender Fairness Committee for the Twelfth Judicial District's Health, Retirement, and Welfare subcommittee, as well as several bar associations, co-sponsored the event.

MCLE credit was available for this lecture. Speaker Jeffrey G. Abrandt, Esq. provided a highly informative talk on this important topic, and made a wealth of written materials available to attendees.

Approximately 45 people (both court employees and non-employees) attended. My thanks to Laura Bisignano for providing the contact with Mr. Abrandt.

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FROM: JOSEPHINE M. BASTONE, CHAIR  
GENDER FAIRNESS COMMITTEE

DATE: NOVEMBER 8, 2017

RE: OCTOBER 30, 2017 PROGRAM

The Gender Fairness Committee of the 12<sup>th</sup> Judicial District sponsored its annual Domestic Violence Workplace Education Day program, entitled "Recognizing and Responding to Elder Abuse" on Monday, October 30, 2017, in Assembly Room 691 of the Bronx Hall of Justice.

Ellen Kolodney, Elder Abuse Coordinator, Office of the District Attorney, Bronx County, spoke on Elder Abuse and the CJ System. Glendalee Olivera, Elder Abuse Specialist, The Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Center for Elder Abuse Prevention, spoke about the Weinberg Center, a virtual shelter within the Hebrew Home for abused elders. Jose Perez, Adult Protective Services, spoke about why and when Adult Protective Services is called, and the services it can put into place.

Opening remarks were given by committee chair Josephine M. Bastone. J. Robert E. Torres, Administrative Judge, Criminal Term, gave welcoming remarks. Darlene Dove-Malave served as moderator. Committee chair J. Richard Lee Price gave closing remarks. Anthony Perrotto was responsible for the printing of the program.

In addition to those mentioned, *supra*, committee members listed on program annexed hereto were instrumental in the planning and conducting of the program.

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# Elder Abuse

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## MODERATOR

Darlene Dove-Malave

## Speakers

*Ellen Kolodney,  
Office of the District Attorney, Bronx County*

*Glendalee Olivera, LMSW, AWC-G,  
Harry and Jeannette Weinberg Center for Elder Abuse Prevention at  
the Hebrew Home at Riverdale*

*Jose L. Perez, Bronx Adult Protective Services*

## CLOSING REMARKS

Hon. Richard Lee Price, *Chair*

## Speakers Biographies

**Ellen Kolodney** joined the Bronx District Attorney's Office as the elder abuse coordinator in December, 2000. She helped create, and is the co-chair, of the Elder Abuse Multi-Disciplinary Task Force with APS Bronx Borough Director. Internally, she works with ADAs in working with their clients 60 years and older, evaluates for elder abuse criteria and assesses for social service supports in the community. In addition to providing a "user friendly" access to the Office for seniors, social workers, community members, banks, hospitals etc. to evaluate for elder abuse criteria and assess for appropriate interventions, she speaks at various community functions for seniors and provides in-services and training in the community.

**Glendalee Olivera, LMSW, ASW-G** works at the Harry and Jeannette Weinberg Center for Elder Abuse Prevention at the Hebrew Home at Riverdale as the Elder Abuse Specialist. Glendalee has worked in the field of social work for past 10 years providing services for a variety of different populations including disabled children with SKIP of New York, victims of domestic violence at Safe Horizon, and older adults with the New York Foundation for Senior Citizens Guardian Program.

**Jose Perez** has been with Human Resources Administration, Adult Protective Services since 1997. From 2002 through 2015 he served as Deputy Director for Bronx APS. In 2015 he became the Borough Director for APS. He has been a co-chair of the Elder Abuse Multi-Disciplinary Task Force with the District Attorney's Office. APS is a NYS Office of Family and Children Service program that has been under the Administrator/Commissioner of Department of Social Services. APS is charged with investigating referrals of NYC's most vulnerable population, which include anyone over the age of 18, who has a mental and or physical impairment, as a result of the impairment they are unable to conduct their activities of daily living and lastly there is no one in the community who is will to assist the individual. Mr. Perez conducts multiple community presentations and out-reach to Bronx Community based organizations regarding APS criteria and available services.



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GENDER FAIRNESS COMMITTEE,  
NEW YORK COUNTY, SUPREME COURT, CIVIL TERM

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## **Gender Fairness Committee, New York County, Supreme Court, Civil Branch**

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Counties served: New York

### **2017 Meetings**

Meeting Dates: Our committee holds meetings or special events on a monthly basis.

Average Attendance: 20

Do you use Videoconferencing? No

### **2017 Special Events**

#### **Activities for Women's History Awareness Month**

In recognition of Women's History Month, our committee hosted a program on April 6, 2017, featuring the Honorable Cecile Noel. Commissioner Noel was appointed Commissioner of the Mayor's Office to Combat Domestic Violence (OCDV) in October 2015. Commissioner Noel spoke about the work of the OCDV which coordinates the delivery of citywide domestic violence services and formulates policies and programs for domestic violence services. Following the lecture, the committee presented its annual Women's History Month Service Awards to two members of our courthouse. The 2017 Women's History Month Distinguished Jurist Award recipient was the Hon. Joan B. Lobis. Judge Lobis, who recently retired, served as a Justice of the Supreme Court, First Judicial District. While working in the court system, Judge Lobis presided over a Medical Malpractice Part, a Matrimonial Part, a General I.A.S. Part, and served as a Judge of the Civil Court of the City of New York and in the Housing Part. The 2017 Women's History Month Distinguished Service Award recipient was Michelle Furey-D'Esposito. Michelle began working for the New York State Unified Court System as the secretary for the Hon. Jacqueline W. Silbermann, for whom she worked for over 21 years. She has also worked for the Hon. Joan B. Carey and for Jeffrey Carucci in the E-Filing Resource Center at Supreme Court, New York County. In June of 2015, Michelle began working for the Hon. Deborah A. Kaplan. After the presentation of the awards, a reception followed with refreshments.

#### **Activities for Domestic Violence Awareness Month**

One Love Foundation featuring Cameron Kinker, Engagement Coordinator. Sharon Love founded The One Love Foundation after her daughter Yearly Love, a fourth year student at the University of Virginia, was killed by her ex-boyfriend, four weeks before her

graduation. It has become Sharon Love's and the One Love Foundation's mission to educate the public regarding the warning signs of relationship abuse. Cameron explained how One Love utilizes an innovative workshop program entitled "Escalation" which is presented at college campuses and other organizations throughout the United States. Cameron explained how along with spreading the message campus to campus, One Love has created educational public service announcements which have been viewed by over 82 million people. Following his powerful and educational presentation, Cameron was presented with the Domestic Violence Awareness Month Program's Certificate of Appreciation.

#### Other Special Events or Activities

**Bring Your Children to Work Day:** On April 27, 2017, our committee hosted its annual "Bring Your Children to Work Day" program which welcomes children of employees to an educational and fun day in the courthouse. The children were greeted to a breakfast followed by a presentation featuring courthouse employees who discussed their daily work. The children also took part in a security equipment demonstration and participated in mock trials with Supreme Court Justices in which the children played the role of judges, jurors, witnesses, and attorneys. The program concluded with a pizza lunch and the presentation of gift bags.

**The Holocaust Remembrance Program:** On May 3, 2017, our committee, along with the Jewish Lawyers' Guild, sponsored the annual Holocaust Remembrance Program. The program featured presentations by the Honorable Martin Shulman and the Honorable Peter H. Moulton. Judge Moulton read a brief biography of each family which detailed their experiences during and after the Holocaust. A candle lighting ceremony by family members followed each biographical reading. The keynote presentation was given by Dr. Michael Bornstein, co-author of "Survivors Club: The True Story of a Very Young Prisoner of Auschwitz." Dr. Bornstein was four years old when he was liberated from Auschwitz. A musical performance was presented by the SAR High School Choir which concluded the program. The Amud Aish Memorial Museum provided an exhibit entitled "Children and the Holocaust" which was displayed in the rotunda at 60 Centre Street during the week of the program.

**Caren Aronowitz Unity in Diversity Event:** On June 2, 2017, the Annual Caren Aronowitz Unity in Diversity Event was held. This event, which our committee co-sponsors, is named in honor of Caren Aronowitz, a beloved court employee who passed away and who was instrumental in organizing many courthouse events. This extremely popular event is co-sponsored by various bar associations and community organization. The event features food celebrating different cultures, musical performances, a performance by the New York State Court Bagpipe and Drum Corps, and a slideshow celebrating the diversity within our courthouses.

Summer Lecture Event: This summer, our committee again hosted a summer intern lecture event with a presentation by the Honorable Deborah Kaplan, Statewide Coordinating Judge for Family Violence Cases and Joan G. Levenson, Esq., Chief of Staff of the Office of the Statewide Coordinating Judge for Family Violence Cases. Judge Kaplan and Joan utilized an interesting powerpoint presentation and discussed how their office works throughout New York State with administrative judges and judges who handle domestic violence issues and elder abuse cases.

High Conflict Divorce Event: Our committee co-sponsored a two part panel lecture and film regarding High Conflict Divorce. The program featured judges, a forensic psychologist, a parent coordinator, and attorneys who spoke about divorce and custody proceedings and the potential impacts such proceedings have on children.

How were your special events advertised or marketed?  
Email, Flyer, and direct contact with college and law school professors

Who and how many attended?  
The events are attended by judges, judicial and non judicial staff, attorneys, bar association members, college and law school professors, students, and members of the community. Our events generally attract about 100 people and are open to members of the public.

Was there any press before or after? Yes

### **Future Plans**

Meetings dates planned or projected for 2018:  
We plan to have committee planning meetings in March to assist in organizing our various spring and summer events.

Special Events & Educational Programs  
Women's History Month, Domestic Violence Awareness Month, and we plan to continue hosting our traditional programs.

What issues regarding women and gender in the courts do you think are important in 2018? Gender equality and domestic violence

Do you see operational issues in your court or judicial district that adversely affect women or a subgroup of women? None

Do you see unmet training needs? No

What topics would you like to see developed for Lunch & Learn Sessions from 1:00 – 2:00 in the courthouse? Courses for the Diversity, Inclusion and Elimination of Bias requirement.

Areas of success during 2017 for your committee and/or in general regarding gender bias and gender fairness in the courts: We were happy with the support and thanks which we received from the attendees of our Women's History Month, Domestic Violence Awareness Month, Holocaust Remembrance, Bring Your Children to Work Day, and the Caren Aronowitz Unity in Diversity program.

### **Collaboration**

Have you joined with groups outside the courts for programs or projects?  
Bar Associations, Colleges, and Domestic Violence Organizations



**Wednesday, March 8, 2017**  
**12:45 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.**  
**Supreme Court, 60 Centre Street**  
**Room 300**

# **High Conflict Divorce: A Two Part Series**

## **Part 1: The Impact on Children**

### **REMARKS**

**Hon. Fern Fisher**, Deputy Chief Administrative Judge for New York City Courts  
Director of New York State Courts Access to Justice Program

### **SPEAKERS**

**Hon. Matthew Cooper**, Supreme Court, New York County, Civil Term, Matrimonial Division  
**Hon. Deborah Kaplan**, Statewide Coordinating Judge for Family Violence Cases  
**Virginia LoPreto, Esq.**  
**Paul Rudder, Esq.**  
**Meg Sussman, Ph.D.**, Forensic Psychologist

### **MODERATORS**

**Michele Kern-Rappy, Esq.**, Senior Settlement Coordinator  
**Cecily Hernandez**, Court Officer

### **PRESENTATION**

**SPLIT:** A film for Kids of Divorce (and their Parents)

Light refreshments will be served. All are welcome.

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### **CO -SPONSORS**

**The Gender Fairness Committee, Supreme Court, New York County, Civil Branch, and New York State Courts Access to Justice Program**

Co- Chairpersons: Officer Cecily Hernandez and Michele Kern-Rappy, Esq.

**Save the Date for Part 2: Reducing the Impact on Children & Families – May 10, 2017**



**Wednesday, May 10, 2017  
12:45 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
Supreme Court, 60 Centre Street  
Room 300**

**Are you in the process of a Divorce or Custody proceeding?**

**Do you know how it affects your children?**

## **High Conflict Divorce: Part 2 of the Series**

**The Impact on Children - Case by Case Analysis**

### ***OPEN TO THE PUBLIC***

#### **OPENING REMARKS**

Hon. George J. Silver, Incoming Deputy Chief Administrative Judge for New York City Courts

#### **SPEAKERS**

Hon. Matthew Cooper, Supreme Court, New York County, Civil Term, Matrimonial Division

Hon. Laura E. Drager, Supreme Court, New York County, Civil Term, Matrimonial Division

Lauren Behrman, Ph.D., Parent Coordinator

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Paul Rudder, Esq.

#### **MODERATORS**

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Cecily Hernandez, Court Officer

#### **PRESENTATION**

**"SPLIT" - A film about divorce for (and by) kids of divorce and (their parents) <FILM PRESENTED AT 12:45 P.M. >**

Co-Chairpersons: Cecily Hernandez and Michele Kern-Rappy, Esq.

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THE GENDER FAIRNESS COMMITTEE OF NEW YORK COUNTY  
SUPREME COURT, CIVIL BRANCH  
PROUDLY PRESENTS

*Women's History Month 2017*

APRIL 6, 2017  
1:00 P.M.  
SUPREME COURT, NEW YORK COUNTY  
60 CENTRE STREET, ROOM 300, NEW YORK, NEW YORK

# *Women's History Month 2017*

## WELCOME

**Honorable Peter H. Moulton**  
**Administrative Judge For Civil Matters, First Judicial District**

## REMARKS AND INTRODUCTION OF THE KEYNOTE SPEAKER

**Honorable Deborah A. Kaplan**  
**Statewide Coordinating Judge for Family Violence Cases &**  
**Co-Chairperson of the Gender Fairness Committee,**  
**Supreme Court, New York County, Civil Branch**

## KEYNOTE SPEAKER

**Honorable Cecile Noel**  
**Commissioner, NYC Mayor's Office to Combat Domestic Violence**

**PRESENTATION OF**  
**THE WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH DISTINGUISHED JURIST AWARD TO**  
**THE HONORABLE JOAN B. LOBIS**

## REMARKS

**Marilyn Sugarman, Esq.**  
**Special Referee**

**PRESENTATION OF**  
**THE WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD TO**  
**MICHELLE FUREY-D'ESPOSITO**

## REMARKS

**Jeffrey Carucci**  
**Statewide Coordinator for Electronic Filing**  
**&**  
**Honorable Deborah A. Kaplan**

## WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH KEYNOTE SPEAKER

### *Honorable Cecile Noel*

Commissioner, NYC Mayor's Office To Combat Domestic Violence

Cecile Noel is a graduate of Vassar College and Columbia University, with a Masters degree in Social Work Administration. She has worked in the field of Social Services Administration for the past 26 years, starting as Director of Prison Health and Special Patient Services for the New York City Health and Hospitals Corporation (HHC), where she provided policy and programmatic oversight for inmate health services throughout HHC hospitals. Her responsibilities also included corporate social work services, with particular expertise in the areas of child abuse, elder abuse, domestic violence and sexual assault.

In her prior position as the Executive Deputy Commissioner for the Human Resources Administration (HRA) Emergency Intervention Services, she oversaw the 52 New York City-Funded Domestic Violence Shelters, which serve over 1,000 families per day, and one directly operated HRA facility. Under her leadership, expansions were accomplished in both residential and non-residential services for domestic violence survivors. She also launched one of the first school-based domestic violence prevention programs in the country, the Teen Relationship Abuse Prevention Program (RAPP), now operating in 56 New York City schools.

In addition, Commissioner Noel had oversight for the Emergency Food Assistance Program (EFAP), which funds 489 Soup Kitchens and Food Pantries citywide and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) community outreach, formally known as Food Stamps community outreach program. She also oversaw the Home Energy Assistance Programs (HEAP) and several other emergency utility assistance programs that help low-income New Yorkers with their utility needs.

Commissioner Noel oversaw a \$180 million budget, with 30 contracts and over 300 staff. During her time at HRA, she also led the Crisis and Disaster Program for 14 years. This program developed and implemented the agency's response to local and citywide emergencies in conjunction with the New York City Office Emergency Management (OEM), and other State and Federal agencies. Commissioner Noel also had oversight for the Adult Protective Services Program (APS) for several years. APS is a state mandated program that provides supervision and case management to individuals living in the community who are unable to care for themselves.

On October 16, 2015, Ms. Noel was appointed Commissioner of the Mayor's Office to Combat Domestic Violence.

## WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH 2017 SERVICE AWARDS

*Hon. Joan B. Lobis*

Women's History Month 2017 Distinguished Jurist Award

Hon. Joan B. Lobis has served with distinction as a Judge of the Supreme Court, First Judicial District, since 1991. She currently presides over a Medical Malpractice Part and has previously presided over a Matrimonial Part, a General I.A.S. Part, and has served as a Judge of the Civil Court of the City of New York and in the Housing Part.

Prior to joining the court system, Judge Lobis worked as a Supervising Attorney and a Staff Attorney at DC37 - AFSCME Municipal Employees Legal Services Plan. Judge Lobis has also worked as a litigator at the Law Office of Gladstone, Meyer and Reif, as a Staff Attorney at the Puerto Rican Emergency Law Project, as Assistant General Counsel of the Textile Workers Union of America, and as a Staff Attorney at Vista Attorney - New Hampshire Legal Assistance.

*Michelle Furey-D'Esposito*

Women's History Month 2017 Distinguished Service Award

Michelle Furey-D'Esposito began working for the New York State Unified Court System in May of 1987 as the secretary for the Hon. Jacqueline W. Silbermann, for whom she worked for over 21 years. She has also worked for the Hon. Joan B. Carey and for Jeffrey Carucci in the E-Filing Resource Center at Supreme Court, New York County. In June of 2015, Michelle began working for the Hon. Deborah A. Kaplan, Statewide Coordinating Judge for Family Violence Cases.

### SPECIAL THANKS TO:

Hon. Peter H. Moulton, Administrative Judge

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THE GENDER FAIRNESS COMMITTEE,  
SUPREME COURT, NEW YORK COUNTY, CIVIL BRANCH,  
PRESENTS

*The 2017 Women's History Month  
Celebration*

April 6, 2017

Supreme Court, New York County, Civil Term, Room 300  
1:00-2:00 P.M.

**featuring a special presentation by Keynote Speaker**

**Hon. Cecile Noel**

**Commissioner, NYC Mayor's Office to Combat Domestic Violence**

**Hon. Cecile Noel** was appointed Commissioner of the Mayor's Office to Combat Domestic Violence (OCDV) in October 2015. OCDV was established by city charter in 2001, and is charged with coordinating the delivery of citywide domestic violence services, and formulating policies and programs relating to domestic violence services. The office also oversees the Family Justice Centers that operate in Brooklyn, Queens, the Bronx and Manhattan, serving over 2,700 clients a month.

**Hon. Joan B. Lobis**

**The Women's History Month Distinguished Jurist Award Recipient**

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**Michelle Furey-D'Esposito**

**The Women's History Month Distinguished Service Award Recipient**

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# **HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE PROGRAM**

*Sponsored by the  
**JEWISH LAWYERS GUILD***

*and*

***THE GENDER FAIRNESS COMMITTEE OF THE  
SUPREME COURT, CIVIL BRANCH, NEW YORK COUNTY***

Wednesday, May 3, 2017, 4:45-6:00 P.M.  
Supreme Court, New York County  
60 Centre Street ~ Rotunda

*Remarks and Readings*

**HONORABLE PETER MOULTON**

ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE

SUPREME COURT, CIVIL BRANCH, NEW YORK COUNTY

***CANDLE LIGHTING CEREMONY BY HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS AND  
MEMBERS OF THE SECOND AND THIRD GENERATION***

*Remarks*

**HONORABLE MARTIN SHULMAN**

ASSOCIATE JUSTICE OF THE APPELLATE TERM, FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT

*Keynote Presentation*

***Dr. Michael Bornstein - Co-Author***

***“Survivors Club: The True Story of a Very Young Prisoner of Auschwitz”***

*Dr. Michael Bornstein was four years old when he was liberated from Auschwitz, the most infamous of Nazi Germany’s many death camps. Dr. Bornstein, in his forthcoming book, “Survivors Club” [release date: March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017], written with the help of his daughter, Debbie Bornstein Holinstat, primarily for young, middle school and teen readers, relates a truly inspirational Holocaust survival story and “offers an indelible depiction of what happened to one Polish village in the wake of the German invasion in 1939.”*

***Musical Selections by the SAR High School Choir***

*For more information, please contact Justice Martin Shulman at (646) 386-5687 or [MSbulman@nycourts.gov](mailto:MSbulman@nycourts.gov) or Justice Deborah Kaplan at (646) 386-5567 or [DKaplan@nycourts.gov](mailto:DKaplan@nycourts.gov)*

The Amud Aish Memorial Museum’s moving exhibit, “Children and the Holocaust” will be displayed in the 60 Centre Street Rotunda during the week of the Remembrance.

**THE GENDER FAIRNESS COMMITTEE OF NEW YORK COUNTY  
SUPREME COURT, CIVIL BRANCH  
PROUDLY PRESENTS**

**The 2017 Domestic Violence  
Awareness Program featuring  
The One Love Foundation**

**OCTOBER 19, 2017  
1:00 P.M.  
SUPREME COURT, NEW YORK COUNTY  
60 CENTRE STREET, ROOM 212, NEW YORK, NEW YORK**

## **THE 2017 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS PROGRAM**

### **WELCOME**

**HONORABLE DEBORAH A. KAPLAN**  
**STATEWIDE COORDINATING JUDGE FOR FAMILY VIOLENCE CASES &**  
**CO-CHAIRPERSON OF THE GENDER FAIRNESS COMMITTEE,**  
**SUPREME COURT, NEW YORK COUNTY, CIVIL BRANCH**

### **INTRODUCTION OF THE KEYNOTE SPEAKER**

**HONORABLE MATTHEW F. COOPER**  
**SUPREME COURT, NEW YORK COUNTY, CIVIL TERM,**  
**MATRIMONIAL DIVISION & DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**  
**SUBCOMMITTEE CO-CHAIRPERSON**

### **KEYNOTE SPEAKER**

**CAMERON KINKER**  
**ENGAGEMENT COORDINATOR, NEW YORK CITY**  
**THE ONE LOVE FOUNDATION**

### **CLOSING REMARKS**

**GREGORY F. TESTA, ESQ.**  
**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SUBCOMMITTEE CO-CHAIRPERSON**

Committee chairpersons: Hon. Deborah A. Kaplan, Gregory F. Testa, Esq.

Committee members: Simone Abrams, Doina Rosu Almazan, Hon. Nancy Bannon, Hon. Arlene Bluth, Hon. Margaret Chan, Hon. Matthew Cooper, Michelle Furey, PJ Garone, Elizabeth Gertz, Esq., Joan Gilbert, Hon. Shlomo Hagler, Steven Helfont, Esq., Yesenia Herrera, Officer Cecily Hernandez, Hon. Lynn Kotler, Joan Levenson, Esq., Deanna Lucci, Esq., Ilana Marcus, Esq., Valerie Qualls, Sheila Riley-Aultman, Marie Rosemy, Hon. Lori Sattler, Hon. O. Peter Sherwood, Hon. Milton Tingling, Edna Vera, John Werner, Esq., Officer Shadai Wilkins.

Thank you to Hon. George J. Silver, Luis Carrero, Michelle Gonsieski, Naomi Ruiz, and Loren Schwartz.

**On May 3rd, 2010 Yeardley Love, was beaten to death by her ex-boyfriend just three weeks before their college graduation.**



The One Love Foundation was founded by Yeardley's mother, Sharon Love, and her sister, Lexie, to help others avoid the devastating loss that they endured. Today, One Love is on a mission as its staff travels around the country, educating young people, and communities about the difference between healthy and unhealthy relationship and empowering people to trust their gut, and act when they feel that something is off.

The Gender Fairness Committee, New York County, Civil Branch, proudly welcomes Cameron Kinker, Engagement Coordinator, New York City, of The One Love Foundation. In this not to be missed event, learn about One Love's tireless work in educating others about relationship abuse, One Love's innovative movie and public service announcements being shown to students in schools and campuses across the country, and learn how you can make a difference so that Yeardley's story is never repeated or forgotten.

**Thursday, October 19, 2017  
1:00- 2:00 p.m.**

**Supreme Court, New York County, Civil Term  
60 Centre Street, Room 212, New York, New York**

This event is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be provided.  
For more information on The One Love Foundation please visit  
<https://www.joinonelove.org/>

KINGS COUNTY SUPREME COURT  
GENDER FAIRNESS COMMITTEE

*Hon. Miriam Cyrulnik, Chair*



## **Kings County Supreme Court Gender Fairness Committee**

Hon. Miriam Cyrulnik, Acting Justice of the Supreme Court, Chair

Members: (Committee in formation) Major Luz Bryan, Supreme Court Civil Term Court Officer Command Frank Cali, Esq., Law Clerk to Hon. Miriam Cyrulnik Hon. Matthew D'Emic, Administrative Judge Supreme Court Criminal Term Donna Farrell, Supreme Court Civil Term Deputy Chief Clerk Armena Gayle, Esq., Secretary of the Brooklyn Bar Association Karen Boyd Gillen, Supreme Court Criminal Term Acting Deputy Chief Clerk Charmaine Johnson, Principal Court Analyst Hon. Lawrence Knipel, Administrative Judge Supreme Court Civil Term Colleen Martin-Morris, Esq., Law Clerk to Hon. Dineen Riviezzo Margherita Racanelli, Esq., Associate Court Attorney Guardianship Department Aimee Richter, Esq., President of the Brooklyn Bar Association Ileane Spinner, Esq. (retired)

Counties served: Kings

### **2017 Meetings**

Meeting Dates: July 11, 2017; mid- November; mid-January

Average Attendance: 6

Do you use Videoconferencing? No

### **2017 Special Events**

Activities for Women's History Awareness Month

This year's committee has new leadership and a significant percentage of new members.

We are considering several different programs, including reinvigorating the Ruth E.

Moskowitz Award program that the predecessor committee had sponsored in prior years.

We hope to create daily posts for our court's employee page, highlighting the accomplishments of women in various fields throughout the month.

Activities for Domestic Violence Awareness Month

While we were not able to present a program in this area last year, we hope to develop relevant programming going forward.

Other Special Events or Activities

We will be participating in Take Your Child to Work Day in April of this year. Activities will include a mock trial that will be coordinated by our members. We hope to participate in the Centennial celebration of the Brooklyn Women's Bar Association and we have reached out to express our interest in doing so.

How were your special events advertised or marketed?

Email and Flyer

Who and how many attended?

In prior years, the Moskowitz Award ceremony was attended by more than 50 court employees and attorneys. We hope to attract a similar number this year.

Was there any press before or after? No

### **Future Plans**

Meetings dates planned or projected for 2018:

We anticipate programming in March and April 2018, and then monthly meetings to plan future activities.

Special Events & Educational Programs

Women's History Month, Domestic Violence Awareness Month, Take Your Child to Work Day, Brooklyn Women's Bar Centennial Celebration, Women in Government

What issues regarding women and gender in the courts do you think are important in 2018? Sexual harassment, in the workplace and elsewhere, is a topic currently generating significant media attention. This is an area that would be a natural topic for a program. Domestic violence and human trafficking remain issues of major concern as well.

Do you see operational issues in your court or judicial district that adversely affect women or a subgroup of women? Child Care Centers

Do you see unmet training needs? No

What topics would you like to see developed for Lunch & Learn Sessions from 1:00 – 2:00 in the courthouse? Female Defendants in the Criminal Justice system: The Interplay of Family Law/Custody Issues

### **Collaboration**

Have you joined with groups outside the courts for programs or projects?

Bar Associations

KINGS COUNTY CIVIL COURT  
GENDER FAIRNESS COMMITTEE

*Hon. Robin Sheares, Chair*



### **Kings Civil Court Gender Fairness Committee**

Chair: Hon. Robin K. Sheares, Acting Justice of the Supreme Court

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Counties served: Kings

### **2017 Meetings**

Meeting Dates: February 8, February 21, March 20, October 19

Average Attendance: 11

Do you use Videoconferencing? No

### **2017 Special Events**

Activities for Women's History Awareness Month

Awards Ceremony "Honoring Trailblazers in the Legal Community" held March 10<sup>th</sup>.

Honorees: Justice Michelle Weston, Appellate Term; Helene Blank, Esq., Blank & Star, PLLC; Marc Levine Executive Director of the LGBT Judicial Commission of the Unified Court System

Activities for Domestic Violence Awareness Month

A Breast Cancer program was held during this month. "A Breast Cancer Survivor Speaks" Friday, October 27<sup>th</sup>

Other Special Events or Activities

Interactive Program, "Chess in the Courts." For three Tuesdays, beginning July 25<sup>th</sup>, the committee invited a young lady named Skye to come and teach the court employees how to play chess, and to hold chess games for those who were already proficient in the game. At the end of the three weeks, Skye had defeated both judges and court officers, ending with an undefeated record.

How were your special events advertised or marketed?

Email, Flyer, and Word of Mouth

Who and how many attended?

Honoring Trailblazers in the Legal Community (March) = 75+

Chess in the Courts (July) = 15+

A Breast Cancer Survivor Speaks (October) = 50+.

Was there any press before or after? Yes

### **Future Plans**

Meetings dates planned or projected for 2018:

Women's History Month

Special Events & Educational Programs

Women's History Month, Domestic Violence Awareness Month, and there will be an event in the summer. The committee would like to introduce a health component.

What issues regarding women and gender in the courts do you think are important in 2018? Sexual Harassment

Do you see operational issues in your court or judicial district that adversely affect women or a subgroup of women? None

Do you see unmet training needs? Yes. Clerical mistakes from various offices.

What topics would you like to see developed for Lunch & Learn Sessions from 1:00 – 2:00 in the courthouse? Sexual Harassment, What Is It?

Areas of success during 2017 for your committee and/or in general regarding gender bias and gender fairness in the courts: Budgets to conduct events.

### **Collaboration**

Have you joined with groups outside the courts for programs or projects?

Bar Associations

**Kings County Civil Court's  
Gender Fairness Committee**

*in conjunction with*

**The Brooklyn Women's Bar Association**

*invite you to attend their*

**2017 Women's History Month Luncheon**

*honoring*

*Hon. Michelle Weston*

*Helene E. Blank, Esq., Blank & Star, PLLC*

*Marc Levine, Executive Director  
The LGBT Judicial Commission of the  
NYS Unified Court System*

**Friday, March 10, 2017**

**1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.**

**141 Livingston Street, Room 306, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor**

***LIGHT refreshments will be served***

# A Breast Cancer Survivor Speaks!

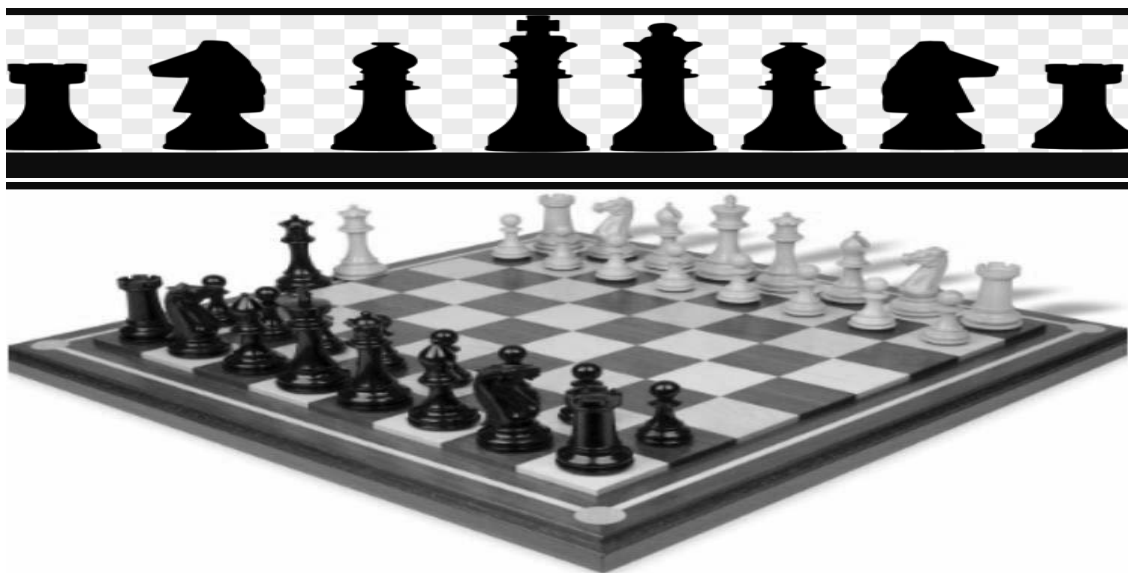
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***Light Refreshments Provided.***

The Civil Court's Gender Fairness  
Committee presents

## Chess Classes

Beginners are welcomed to come learn!!  
Open to Court Personnel only.



Dates/Times:

July 25, 2017	12:00 pm - 1:00 pm	Room 1301
August 1, 2017	1:00 pm - 2:00 pm	Room 1301
August 8, 2017	12:00 pm - 2:00 pm	Room 1301

## CHESS IN THE COURT





QUEENS SUPREME COURT  
CIVIL AND CRIMINAL TERMS  
GENDER FAIRNESS COMMITTEE

*Hon. Marguerite A. Grays, Chair*

*Hon. Marcia Hirsch, Chair*



### **Queens Supreme Court Civil and Criminal Terms Gender Fairness Committee**

Chairs: Hon. Marguerite A. Grays, Deputy Administrative Judge Civil Matters, 11th Judicial District; Hon. Marcia P. Hirsch, Judge of the Court of Claims/ASCJ, Queens Supreme Court, Criminal Term

Members: Please see attached list.

Counties served: Queens

### **2017 Meetings**

Meeting Dates: March 3, 2017; October 2, 2017

Average Attendance: 5

Do you use Videoconferencing? No

### **2017 Special Events**

Activities for Women's History Awareness Month

Programs concerned with women's health rather than history

Activities for Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Programs concerned with women's breast cancer treatments rather than domestic violence

Other Special Events or Activities

March 30, 2017: Breast Health and Wellness Program" - co-sponsored with Queens

Women's Bar Association and Judges and Lawyers Breast Cancer Alert (JALBCA);

October 24, 2017: "Outsmarting Cancer: The Hope of Immunotherapy" - promoted program with JALBCA.

How were your special events advertised or marketed?

Email and Flyer

Who and how many attended? 15 judges, secretaries, court clerks, court officers, and law clerks attended the March 30th program on breast health and wellness; 5 attorneys and judges from Queens attended the October program on immunotherapy.

Was there any press before or after? No

### **Future Plans**

Meetings dates planned or projected for 2018:

March 27, 2018; June 26, 2018; Sept. 25, 2018

Special Events & Educational Programs

"Tools for Managing Stress and Anxiety" "Financial Update on the New Tax Law and Impact on Entitlements" "The 'Me, Too Movement' - What is the current state of the sexual harassment laws and regulations in New York State?"

What issues regarding women and gender in the courts do you think are important in 2018?  
Sexual Harassment; Promotional Opportunities for Women; Secretaries have expressed  
Concern about the Elimination of their jobs in the court system

Do you see operational issues in your court or judicial district that adversely affect women  
or a subgroup of women? Child Care Centers

Do you see unmet training needs? No

What topics would you like to see developed for Lunch & Learn Sessions from 1:00 – 2:00  
in the courthouse? Pre-Retirement planning: what to consider. How to know you're ready  
to retire. Financial considerations, family and social considerations.

### **Collaboration**

Have you joined with groups outside the courts for programs or projects?  
Bar Associations and JALBCA

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The Women In the Courts - Gender Fairness Committee  
for the Civil and Criminal Terms  
and  
Queens County Women's Bar Association  
in conjunction with



**BREAST HEALTH AND WELLNESS PROGRAM**

In support of JALBCA and our commitment to the fight against breast cancer, The Women In the Courts - Gender Fairness Committee for the Civil and Criminal Terms and Queens County Women's Bar Association will be hosting a JALBCA breast cancer awareness lunch and learn program on *Thursday, March 30, 2017*, at the Queens Supreme Courthouse in Jamaica. Our dynamic speaker will be Mary Solomon of Project Renewal, who is the director and coordinator of the Scan Van program. Topics include:

- Breast cancer statistics
- Early signs of disease
- Risk factors
- Advantages of early detection and screening information
- The different kinds of equipment that is used to detect early breast cancers
- Breast-self exam instruction

Queens Supreme Courthouse  
88-11 Sutphin Boulevard  
Jamaica, New York  
Fifth Floor Board Room  
All Are Welcome!

RSVP to the Hon. Marguerite A. Grays at (718) 298-1212  
or via e-mail at [jloprest@nycourts.gov](mailto:jloprest@nycourts.gov) on or before  
Monday, March, 27, 2017

Light Refreshments will be Served

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**JALBCA invites you to join us  
for an evening presentation on**

## **Outsmarting Cancer: The Hope of Immunotherapy**

**Tuesday, October 24, 2017**

5:30pm · Refreshments

6:00pm · Panel and Q&A

**Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP**

425 Lexington Avenue

New York, NY 10017

[Register Here](#)

### **Featuring**

**Larry Norton, MD**

Deputy Physician-in-Chief for Breast Cancer Programs, Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center; Medical Director, Evelyn H. Lauder Breast Center; Norna S. Sarofim Chair in Clinical Oncology

**Jedd D. Wolchok, MD, PhD**

Lloyd J. Old/Virginia and Daniel K. Ludwig Chair in Clinical Investigation, Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center; Chief,

Melanoma & Immunotherapeutics Service; Associate Director, Ludwig  
Center for Cancer Immunotherapy

**Stephanie L. Goff, MD**

Staff Clinician, Surgery Branch, National Cancer Institute, NIH

**Moderated by**

**Honorable Melissa A. Crane**

Acting Justice of the Supreme Court, New York County

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**ALL ARE WELCOME**

JALBCA educates members of the profession and harnesses legal experts to promote medical, social and legal services to those in need, including providing early detection services for the uninsured and underinsured and legal and social services to families in crises due to a breast cancer diagnosis.



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QUEENS FAMILY COURT  
WOMEN IN THE COURTS/  
GENDER FAIRNESS COMMITTEE

*Hon. Carol A. Stokinger, Chair*

*Hon. Mildred Negron, Chair*



### **Queens Family Court Women in the Courts/Gender Fairness Committee**

Chairs: Hon. Carol A. Stokinger, Supervising Judge, and Hon. Mildred Negron

Members: Committee in Formation

Counties served: Queens

#### **2017 Meetings**

Meeting Dates: several informal meetings

Average Attendance: 3

Do you use Videoconferencing? No

#### **2017 Special Events**

Other Special Events or Activities

Queens Family Court (QFC)/Strong Starts Initiative/CCI - Attachment Theory and

Research: Implications for Child Welfare Practice

QFC/Strong Starts Initiative/CCI - Introduction to the Strong Starts Court Initiative and Infant Mental Health

QFC/Strong Starts Initiative/CCI - Working Toward Better Relationships Between Birth Parents and Foster Parents

QFC/CASA - Youth Panel: Voices of Youths Transitioning from Foster Care

How were your special events advertised or marketed?

Email and Flyer

Who and how many attended?

30 - 45

Was there any press before or after? No

#### **Future Plans**

Meetings dates planned or projected for 2018: TBD

Special Events & Educational Programs

Women's History Month, Domestic Violence Awareness Month, TBD

Do you see operational issues in your court or judicial district that adversely affect women or a subgroup of women? None

Do you see unmet training needs? No

What topics would you like to see developed for Lunch & Learn Sessions from 1:00 – 2:00 in the courthouse? Diversity, Inclusion and Elimination of Bias

### **Collaboration**

Have you joined with groups outside the courts for programs or projects?  
Bar Associations, Domestic violence organizations, Strong Starts Initiative, CCI, CASA,  
and Safe Horizon

STATEN ISLAND GENDER FAIRNESS COMMITTEE

*Hon. Barbara I. Panepinto, Chair*

*Hon. Karen A. Wolff, Chair*



## **Staten Island Gender Fairness Committee**

Chairs: Hon. Barbara Irolla Panepinto and Hon. Karen B. Wolff

Members: Claire Cody Miller, Esq, Hon. Susan Quirk (Civil Court), Rian Silverman (Court Attorney to Hon. Karen Wolff), Karen Soren, Esq. Manju Sunny, Esq. (Pres. SIWBA), Edwina Martin, Esq., Kathleen Garrigan, Esq.

Counties served: Richmond

### **2017 Meetings**

Meeting Dates: 5/11/17, 10/26/17, interim emails and telephone conferencing

Average attendance: 5

Do you use Videoconferencing? No

### **2017 Special Events**

Activities for Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Teen Dating Violence & Healthy Relationships Workshop at the NYC Family Justice Center, Staten Island. Program by NYC Healthy Relationship Training Academy for Curtis High School Students.

Other Special Events or Activities

Breast Cancer Awareness Month program at Richmond County Supreme Courthouse - co-sponsor. Speaker was a breast cancer survivor.

How were your special events advertised or marketed?

Email, Flyer, High School program was advertised by faculty of law program.

Who and how many attended?

Approximately 25 students and faculty attended the Dating violence program.

Approximately 60 attorneys and court staff attended the Breast Cancer Awareness program.

Was there any press before or after? No

### **Future Plans**

Meetings dates planned or projected for 2018:

2/8/18, meetings to be scheduled for April and October.

Special Events & Educational Programs

Domestic Violence Awareness Month, Breast Cancer Awareness month program. We expect to continue our partnership with a local high school concerning DV issues, community resources.

What issues regarding women and gender in the courts do you think are important in 2018? Assigned counsel for matrimonials

Do you see operational issues in your court or judicial district that adversely affect women or a subgroup of women? Child Care Centers, Supervised Visitation, Breastfeeding Space, child care center scheduled to open in Supreme Courthouse.

Do you see unmet training needs? No

What topics would you like to see developed for Lunch & Learn Sessions from 1:00 – 2:00 in the courthouse? Stress management, health and wellness, diversity/implicit bias awareness

Areas of success during 2017 for your committee and/or in general regarding gender bias and gender fairness in the courts

We have succeeded in bringing enhanced awareness to young women about building healthy relationships, how to identify domestic violence issues in their relationships and families and how to connect themselves and their family/friends to community services.

### **Collaboration**

Have you joined with groups outside the courts for programs or projects?

Bar Associations, Domestic violence organizations, Domestic violence organizations, SIWBA, JALBCA, NYC Mayor's Office to Combat Domestic Violence

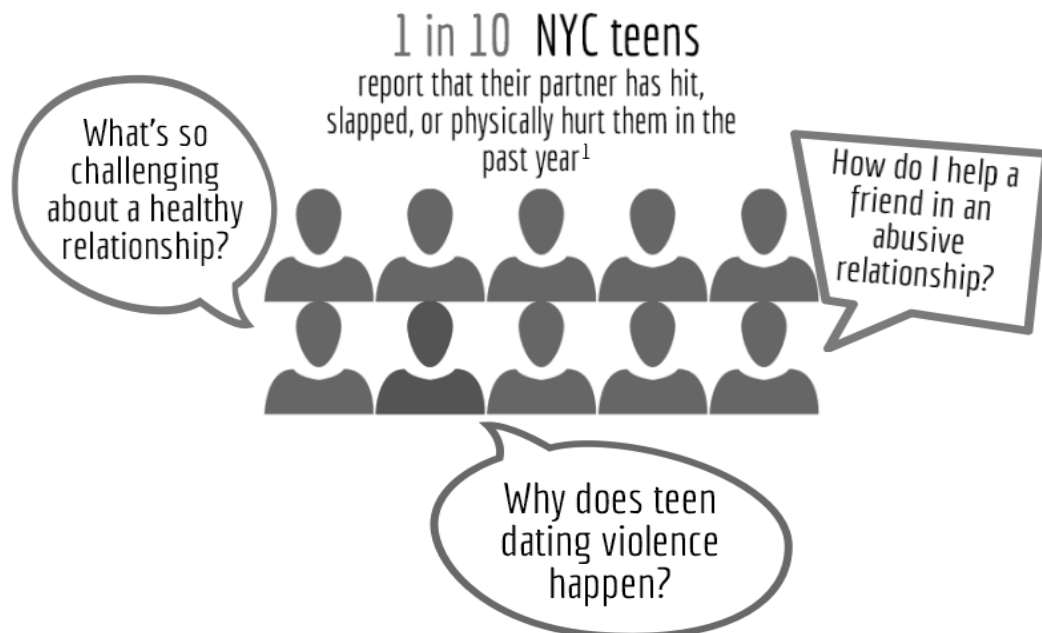
NYC Healthy Relationship Training  
Academy presents:

# TEEN DATING VIOLENCE AND HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS WORKSHOP

**Thursday, May 11, 2017 5:00 PM – 7:30 PM**

**NYC Family Justice Center, Staten Island**

**126 Stuyvesant Place, Staten Island NY 10301**



1 NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, Youth Risk Behavior Survey, 2005.



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**NYS Judicial Committee on Women in the Courts  
*And The* Staten Island Gender Fairness Committee**

*cordially invite you to their*

## ***ANNUAL BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH BREAKFAST***

***Thursday, October 26, 2017***

***9:15 A.M.***

***The Supreme Court House located at  
18 Richmond Terrace***

***SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER***

***\*\*Refreshments will be served\*\*  
Come Join Us and Show Your Support!!!***